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Welcome to new mayor's credit crunch buffet...

NEW Bridgend County Borough Mayor Jeff Tildesley decided that he had to set the tone for his year of office at his inauguration.

So, after the ceremony at Pyle Life Centre, guests were given a cup of tea and a cake – rather than the slap-up buffet usually served on such occasions.

Coun Tildesley, who is a practising Christian, said that it would not have been right to waste council taxpayers' money on a lavish buffet when unemployment is rising and many local families are struggling to keep their heads above water.

He said: "I just felt that we, as a council, should lead by example and not indulge ourselves at someone else's expense.

"It was a small gesture of how I see my role."

He continued: "On my first full day as mayor, I visited a local factory to find out how they are doing and also visited a school to chat to the children. I thought that was the right way to get my mayoralty underway."

Coun Tildesley had a fascinating mix of people at his inauguration – ranging from the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and prominent businessmen, to an Iraqi asylum seeker whom he had helped when he first arrived in the UK several years ago.

"I tried to bring in people representing every aspect of my life and work. It was a very uplifting occasion and one that I will always remember."

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The new mayor meets Chief Insp Paul Murphy (Bridgend) and Insp Alan Davies of Porthcawl.

Parliamentary expenses...

THE GEM PUTS MP MADELEINE MOON IN THE SPOTLIGHT

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was on a Saturday when Madeleine Moon MP asked The GEM to go through her expenses and report back to readers in the county borough.

We met in a coffee shop in Porthcawl and she explained that rapidly-growing public resentment was the reason, and that she was upset that people had such a low opinion of MPs.

At the time, she had not featured in The Telegraph's series of revelations, all based on the leaked CD.

I accepted the offer. She paid for my coffee, asked for the bill and the waitress, with impeccable comic timing, paused and said straight-faced "Would you like a receipt?"

I laughed and so did Mrs Moon – although her laugh was a little more strained than mine. Given the events since, and the escalation in public anger, I doubt if she could manage even a faint smile now.

The following Monday, she was in The Telegraph. Not for 'flipping' the designation of her second home, or for avoiding capital gains tax. Not for cleaning her moat, or for an ornamental duck house.

She had arranged for furniture to be delivered to her home in Porthcawl. Furnishing a second home in Westminster is OK, but not your primary residence. The fact that she was 'Furniture Parliamentarian of the Year' made it irresistible to headline writers.

She explained that, because she already had a large number of items in her Porthcawl home that she could use to furnish the London flat, she had sent everything in one go via a local remover. It also meant that she could take delivery in one go, rather than waiting in the flat for different deliveries from different suppliers. She told The GEM: "Furnishing that flat for a total of £4,000 was good value."

The GEM can confirm that her Additional Costs Allowance file does include a bill for transporting furniture from Porthcawl to London, of £599 including VAT.

So, what did The GEM get to see? Mrs Moon left me alone to wander through computer files covering three areas: The Additional Costs Allowance (ACA); the Incidental Expenses Provision (IEP); and her Communications Allowance. The records covered the period from May 2005 (when she was elected) to February 2008.

These files are due to be released to the public in July, and are in the 'redacted' version. That means that many addresses are blocked out to comply with the Data Protection Act.

This means, for instance, that I can see that Mrs Moon employs a cleaner for her London flat and pays her £75 a month when the Commons are in recess, and £100 a month when it is sitting.

I cannot see the cleaner's name and address, but then I am not sure I need to. Something else, however, that is not in the redacted files is correspondence between Mrs Moon and the fees office. More seriously, I can't see the address that Mrs Moon has designated as her second home, and this information has exposed the practice of 'flipping'. However, The Telegraph has seen the un-redacted version, and reported that her London flat is her second home.

Therefore, as an MP, Mrs Moon is entitled to claim the cost of the mortgage in her Additional Costs Allowance (ACA).

So, in July, anyone with access to the net will be able to confirm that she has a mortgage of £250,000 with the Co-op. The first 59 payments (just over £1,000) are at a fixed rate (5.09 per cent), and only then does she transfer to a variable rate. Solicitors' fees were £4,080 and the Co-op valuation and survey was £425.

The Telegraph asked what Mrs Moon would do with any eventual profit from the second home, and she replied that she would return any profits to the public purse.

Having bought in October 2005, however, that may depend on how the property market recovers.

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NEW COUNCILLORS COULD COST £9,000!

TWO members of Bridgend Town Council have left.

Coun Anita Langdon, who was elected as a Liberal Democrat, has decided to stand down. She has made her decision in the wake of a decision by Coun Bob Burns and his wife Coun Diane Burns to leave the Liberal Democrats and join a new group called the Democratic Independents.

Coun Elystan Davies has been disqualified for not attending a meeting for six months. The Conservative councillor has been suspended from the party. He is currently awaiting trial on a rape charge and is also accused of possessing drugs.

Coun David Unwin, leader of the Town Council, said that the vacancies were being declared and if people ask for an election, it would cost the council between £8,000 and £9,000 to stage it.

If no-one requests it, the council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacant seats.

Dodgy Nolton Street parkers pay the penalty

POLICE gave out 24 fixed penalty notices to illegal parkers in Nolton Street, Bridgend over a recent weekend – in a bid to crack down on problem parking.

Organised by PC Rea David, four police officers from the Bridgend Neighbourhood Support Team conducted targeted patrols in the area, after drivers were persistently parking on double yellow lines to visit shops or order takeaways.

Ten fixed penalty notices were given out on the Friday, nine on Saturday and five on Sunday. Officers also educated drivers on safer areas to park and noted that the positive action of the patrol had worked, as fewer vehicles were parking dangerously along the narrow street by Sunday.

Bridgend Neighbourhood Support Team Sergeant Steve Ryan said: "Parking on double yellow lines can cause accidents and threatens the safety of pedestrians.

"Parking is available in Asda for up to three hours and there is also the car park next to Wilkinsons. Both are within easy walking distance of Nolton Street so there is no excuse for these offences to occur.

"Please be aware that the side streets along Nolton Street are also 'Access Only', so motorists should give due respect to residents and park elsewhere."

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WHO SAID: 'WE NEED TO BUILD A KIND OF UNITED STATES OF EUROPE'?

NOW you may think that the person who said that was a Brussels bureaucrat, or perhaps a French or German politician.

You might think that no British politician would say that, and you might agree with UKIP that Britain should have nothing to do with the European Union.

Indeed, they've put a picture of Winston Churchill on their leaflet to emphasise this point.

The problem for those who think that the EU is somehow un-British is that it was Winston Churchill who said those words in the headline, in a speech that he gave in Zurich on September 19, 1946.

It was Churchill who first thought of the idea of the European Union. Far from taking a 'little Britain' approach to the world, he wanted closer co-operation with the rest of Europe!

There's much wrong with the structure of the EU, from the undemocratic way in which decisions are made, to some policies like the Common Fisheries Policy – which has allowed fishing grounds to be destroyed so as not to upset fishing fleets. The idea of the EU is still sound, though.

We have better rights for workers because of the EU, as well as a much bigger market to sell into. Welsh farmers for example, rely on us being members of the EU to survive.

The reason for this is that we export a great deal of meat to southern Europe and, being members of the EU, our farmers don't have any restrictions on their ability to do this.

If you look at the environment, it was the EU that forced the UK to improve its standards of drinking water and the cleanliness of rivers and beaches. Until the 1980s, we were a notorious polluter. Our power stations caused acid rain that destroyed forests and rivers across Europe, and our rivers were so polluted that one of them in Yorkshire actually caught fire. It was the EU that made us clean up our act.

Many of our manufacturing plants rely on being part of a European operation to continue. For example, Ford Bridgend is part of Ford Europe, not Ford UK. The reality is that we need to be able to trade with the rest of Europe to prosper.

Remember as well, that many thousands of UK citizens work in the rest of the EU.

Unfortunately, there is a strong bias against Europe in much of our press, and over the years, people have learned of European directives about straightening bananas and the length of cucumbers.

I can guarantee that the majority of these types of stories have been made up. Sadly, people will sometimes believe everything that comes from Fleet Street's finest!

We also have the story that somehow the UK puts money in and gets nothing back. In Wales' case, though, we get more out of the EU than we put in.

It seems to me, that on the issue of Europe, Churchill had the right idea.

Assembly Notes

by ***CARWYN JONES***
AM for Bridgend Counsel General and Leader of the House.

50-metre fishing net is seized on Sker Beach

Environment Agency Wales officers confiscated an illegal fishing net on Sker beach in Porthcawl last Monday (May 25).

The GEM was told that the net was 50 metres long. A man from the Bridgend area has been reported for the offence.

An agency spokesman said: "We will be taking action in line with our enforcement policy."

The agency, along with officers from the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee and Kenfig Nature Reserve Rangers, responded to an anonymous tip-off by a member of the public.

An officer from Environment Agency Wales commented: "Netting is banned on most of the beaches in south Wales during the summer months.

"This is to protect fish like salmon and sewin (sea trout) from being caught as they migrate to spawn in Welsh rivers, as well as other wildlife.

"The nets could also pose a risk to swimmers and surfers."

He added: "We want to thank the concerned member of the public for reporting this to us.

"If anyone sees a potential illegal net, or a fish in distress, they should report it on our emergency hotline – 0800 80 70 60."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 4)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	10.34	14.2	22.55	14.2
29 Fri	11.29	13.8	23.52	13.8
30 Sat			12.26	13.3
31 Sun	00.39	13.4	13.15	13.0
01 Mon	01.38	13.1	14.21	12.8
02 Tues	02.39	13.0	15.23	12.8
03 Wed	03.49	13.0	16.27	13.0
04 Thur	04.52	13.3	17.23	13.3

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A-level students are being looked after by the college

AS assistant principal, student services and support at Bridgend College, I wish to assure your readers that the 42 current full-time AS level students have received individual guidance and support to assist their progression to either A2 level, or vocationally equivalent courses starting September 2009.

We contacted all 42 students immediately; offering each student an individual interview in order to discuss options and fast track them to appropriate progression routes.

With strong support from local colleges and secondary schools, we have secured places for all students interviewed to date.

Currently, 23 students plan to undertake A2 courses at Neath Port Talbot College, two at Coleg Glan Hafren, two at Coleg Morgannwg in Pontypridd, two are returning to school and eight plan to undertake vocational courses at Bridgend College.

We are confident that all full-time AS level students who wish to progress will be placed within the next few days. In addition, we have contacted all current part-time AS students with the offer of a similar service provided by Bridgend College in partnership with Careers Wales.

It is our priority that all current students and applicants have a definitive progression plan within the next two weeks.

Should any of your readers be affected by the reduction in our course provision, contact Bridgend College Student Services (01656 302265), to arrange an appointment.

Julie Chapman,
Assistant principal – student services and support, Bridgend College

Lifesaving Lottery

MRS J Jones of North Cornelly, has won £200 in the Lifesaving Lottery, organised for Wales Air Ambulance. A Welshpool woman won the £1,000 top prize.

PACT surgery

A PACT surgery for the Sarn area will be held at 10am at the Communities First Office, Bakers Way, Brynoch, on June 8, by PC Tatchell.

A surgery for the Brynoch area will also be held by PC Brown in the same location on June 22.

What about AM's property profit?

I READ with interest in recent news reports that my regional Assembly Member and parliamentary candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan, Alun Cairns, has decided to stop claiming an allowance for a second home in Cardiff Bay, even though his main home is about a 30-minute drive from the National Assembly.

This move is an admission that claiming this allowance is unacceptable. Will Mr Cairns therefore repay this allowance for all the years that he has been claiming it, and make a commitment to return to the Assembly any profit from the sale of his second home in Cardiff Bay?

Ms Kelly Griffiths, Swansea

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MP's expenses are still the hot topic!

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Going back to those three categories, the ACA, the IEP and the Communication Allowances, let's look at them one by one.

The Communication Allowance is the most straightforward. It was introduced in 2007/08 and it enables sitting MPs to let their constituents know what they have been doing.

The most common form of communication is a newsletter.

Now these are not popular with candidates running against sitting MPs. Those candidates believe it gives the MP an advantage. I'm not entirely convinced, because I know a number of people who start frothing at the mouth when one of these newsletters drops through their letter box.

However, what you can say is that this cash has to be spent on communication expenses, and nothing else. An MP can't divert it to any other use. Madeleine Moon believes it helps keep her constituents informed about current legislation and other important issues, and spent the full allowance in 2007/08. (In fact, she inadvertently overspent by £287, something that she will have to balance out in 2008/09.

Incidentally, Mrs Moon has not spent one penny of this Communications Allowance with The GEM.

Items relating to the second home tend to appear in the Additional Costs Allowance (ACA). The biggest item is the aforementioned mortgage. Another significant item is a six-monthly general service charge on her flat of £836. Council tax on the property is £1,187.

However, Mrs Moon did up-grade her second home over the next three years. A rug (£250) was bought in January 2007, and a bedside cabinet (£73) and a fridge (£192) was bought in May 2007, and a chest of drawers (£211) in July 2007. In March 2008, she replaced her cooker and washing machine at a cost of £805.

In June 2006, she bought a combined TV and DVD home unit for £820. She also showed me recently-taken digital images on her lap top of her London flat - with the items in situ.

Mrs Moon also claims for food when in Westminster. She claims nothing when the House is in recess, but she insists that her normal routine is to eat breakfast, lunch and an evening three-course meal there four days a week. She says that House of Commons meals are not as subsidised for MPs as people imagine. Her average food claim (per week) is about £85.

There are also the usual bills for insurance, gas and electricity.

Mrs Moon's total spending on the ACA has been as follows: 2005/06 - £21,634; 2006/07 - £22,110; 2007/08 - £22,902.

The next section, Incidental Expenses Provision, is pretty much as it says – although many of the items relate to office costs.

The biggest item by far is the rent and council tax at her Bridgend constituency office in Nolton Street, which adds up to £7,800 per annum. (Mrs Moon is not charged any rent on her Westminster office).

The stationery costs look quite significant, but then all letters from constituents have to be replied to. Also, a postcard campaign, with hundreds of people sending the same message, can add to the costs.

Mrs Moon is allowed to take a taxi to Westminster from Paddington when she travels, and she can take one back to the station when she returns to her constituency. A taxi to or from her flat (a 20-minute walk away) is not claimable. Therefore, her average taxi bill of about £85 per month pays for eight trips to and from Paddington.

One parliamentary mobile phone is claimed per month, at around £48 per month. The petty cash for the two offices in Westminster and in Bridgend works out at £3,000 over the year.

There is also a payment to The Western Mail and Echo of £1,459 in May 2007.

There are also, as would be expected with two offices, regular payments to BT, gas and electricity.

Mrs Moon's spending on the IEP has been as follows: 2005/06 - £27,348; 2006/07 - £21,104; 2007/08 - £18.994.

There is one other significant account which I was not allowed to see, and that is the staffing allowance. We are given access to an overall total, but not individual salaries. Over the three years, the expenses are as follows: 2005/06 - £76,580 (four staff); 2006/07 - £81,902, 2007/08 - £93,206 (five staff).

People can, and no doubt will, argue over how many staff an MP needs. However, Mrs Moon is fiercely defensive of them, and says she would pay them more if she could. Certainly, the ever-increasing public anger has had its effect on her staff, and the ones that I met looked as much under strain as their MP.

When it became known that I was going to be looking through Mrs Moon's expenses, I was surprised at some of the comments I received. One acquaintance, in an unexpectedly poetic turn of phrase, said: "The bonfire of public opinion has been lit - and you know what your job is..."

So how does Mrs Moon feel about the current climate? She said: "I feel defiled. I am blazing angry at how my work is being destroyed by innuendo and unfounded allegations against my integrity."

She added that she was aware of a rumour around Porthcawl suggesting that she was having a large house built in Mawdlam.

She insisted: "I have one home here in Porthcawl, and the flat in Westminster - and nothing else."

There are 646 MPs. In 2006/07, Mrs Moon was 251st in the expenses league issued by TheyWorkForYou.com. This list ads up all the various categories of expenses claimed by MPs. In 2007/08, after an increase in staff costs, and after using her Communications Allowance, she had drifted up to 78th.

For comparison purposes, her Labour neighbour in the Vale of Glamorgan, John Smith (who has just announced that he is standing down for health reasons) was 565th in the expenses league in 2006/07, but moved up to 296th in 2007/08 (again primarily as a result of spending his Communications Allowance). Ogmore's Huw Irranca-Davies was 49th in the expenses league in 2006/07, but fell to 258th in 2007/08.

Finally, in the interests of balance, it takes a little searching to find a Welsh Conservative MP, but David Davies in Monmouth was a frugal 593rd in 2006/07, but jumped to 99th in 2007/08.

The Welsh Lib-Dem MP who springs to mind most readily is, inevitably, Lembit Opik, who was 390th in 2006/07, and 52nd in 2007/08.

Once again, Mr Davies and Mr Opik spent their communications allowance, and this is clearly a factor in their rise up the expenses league table.

So, where does this leave Mrs Moon? Well, that could depend on that "bonfire of public opinion" – whether it burns out or carries on getting fiercer.

Is she right to be upset at being singled out so early in the Telegraph revelations? Certrainly, both before and after her appearance, there have been some horrendous transgressions – transgressions where the MP had no defence to offer at all. How, for instance, did Margaret Moran manage to get that £22,000 dry rot bill passed?

Gordon Brown recently described the MPs' expenses system as a 'gentlemen's club' and having read through the redacted expenses, I would have to agree.

I think it is inevitable that in future, MPs' accounts will be independently audited, and this article is not an audit.

We all know by now that the rules were loose and open to various interpretations. 'Transparency' is the new buzz word, and people will be expecting much more detail in future.

Funding urged to protect bees

LALESTON WI

THE May meeting DISCUSSED the resolutions to be put to the AGM in June.

This year, there is only one resolution – an SOS in favour of honey bees, when the meeting will urge the Government to increase funding into bee health.

A report on the half-yearly council meeting held on April 28 was given.

It is hoped that a car boot sale at The Rest will be held on June 21.

Another theatre trip has been arranged for August, when members will attend a performance of *Sound of Music* at the Millennium Centre, and there may be a visit to see *Gypsy* at the Pavilion.

A luncheon club was launched with a lunch at Llangwydd Arms on May 12. The second Tuesday in the month was the date chosen to repeat the occasion.

The May meeting ended with a quick game of bingo.

The next meeting will be on June 4, and the guests will be Catwg Bell Ringers. Meeting at Laleston gardening club, at 7.15pm.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:
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PACT

THE next meeting involving the police and council officials for the Bryncoch ward is at 7pm on June 1 in the Sarn Lifelong Centre, Merfield Close. Everyone is welcome.

Beekeepers

BRIDGEND and District Beekeepers Association, a non profit-making organisation which helps to promote and support bee keepers locally, has had a colony of bees stolen from their apiary in Pencoed.

Sue is urging all beekeepers to uniquely identify their hives, so that if any hives are offered for sale to any beekeeper, they will know they are not a stolen colony.

SHOUT

THE SHOUT Forum met at the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on May 20 when Gareth Rowe, the local pharmacist, gave a short talk, which resulted in a long discussion regarding information about prescription drugs.

The Forum was finished off with a lively quiz session.

The food co-operative, which supplies seasonal fruit and vegetables, has become such a success in the Valley that all members will be asked if they would like the scheme to be extended so that bags of goods can also be collected from the Berwyn Centre on Thursdays from 2.30pm.

For information about SHOUT, telephone Mark on 01656 841479 or Carrie on 01656 840937.

Retired persons

EMLYN, who is the secretary of St Brides Minor Retired Persons Club, informed me that the club meets at Bryncethin Memorial Hall every other Wednesday between 2pm-3.30pm; it is a thriving club with over 65 members.

They were due to go on a coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare on May 20, but following the death of a prominent member of the club, it was postponed until this week.

The club welcomes visitors and new members. For more information, phone Emlyn on 01656 667994.

Sarn Community Centre

THE centre has had its library facilities extended to include 6,000 books and has a new computer suite consisting of 15 new computers.

Some are not aware that library facilities are available at the centre. Bridgend CBC might be advised to include this information in their quarterly bulletin magazine.

The library is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am-12noon; 1pm-5pm.

Last Wednesday, a number of children came straight from school to use the computers, possibly to do their homework, but the facilities were closed. Let us hope the situation improves.

The centre also has a branch of Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union, which is open from Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm. This credit union offers low cost loans to members of the public, a must in these days of credit restrictions by the commercial banks.

It also has savings accounts which do not receive interest, but the profits are shared by the members in a form of dividend.

It also offers free debt and financial advice.

On Thursday mornings, between 9am-12noon, an organisation called Want2Work offers a free confidential service to persons aged 16 to 65 who are unemployed, perhaps claiming incapacity or sickness benefits, or none at all.

School funds

MR Martin Griffiths of Tynyrheol Primary School, Llangeinor would like to thank the PTFA for their recent hard work in organising the book fair.

This raised £134.07 towards school funds, and the bedtime story event at the Richard Price Centre raised a further £81.50.

Fundraising provides transport for the pupils to participate in sporting events, education tours, and museum visits throughout south Wales.

Band contest

At the recent SEWBBA competition in Ebbw Vale, adjudicator Roy Sparkes (second section), placed the bands as follows:

1 Cross Keys - 189 points; **2** Lewis Merthyr - 188 points; **3** Ynyshir Welfare - 187 points; **4** Llwydcoed - 186 points; **5** Blaenavon Town - 185 points; **6** Ogmore Valley - 184 points; **7** Gwaun Cae Gurwen - 183 points.

The winner of the Will Wood trophy for best instrumentalist in the second section was principal cornet player Karla Howe of Cross Keys.

The OVSB welcomes newcomers. The band rehearses in Bethania Row, Ogmore Vale on the A4061, opposite the junction with Corbett Street, on Sundays 6pm-8pm, Wednesdays 7pm-9pm.

Private tuition can be provided and instruments made available to committed musicians.

Protest singers discussion

THE Bevan Foundation presents 'Songs and Protest' in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl – an audience with Billy Bragg and Martyn Joseph, on Saturday, June 6, at 4pm.

Beverley Humphreys talks to two of Britain's most compelling and influential singer/songwriters about their lives, their music, their inspiration and their passions.

The event is sponsored by The Paul Robeson Wales Trust. Tickets £5/£2 (concession) or free to Billy Bragg evening ticket holders. *Call the box office on 01656 815995.*

Police 'surgery' at the hospital

SOUTH Wales Police and Bridgend Community Council held a crime prevention PACT surgery at the Princess of Wales Hospital recently.

PC Julie Phillips, PCSO Heather Dobbs and Litchard Community Councillor Carolyn Webster set up the crime prevention stall in the hospital foyer on Tuesday, May 19, so that people had the chance to raise community concerns.

The public were also offered the chance to talk in private if they wanted to discuss confidential matters, or could book an appointment with officers to chat at a later date.

One elderly female also really appreciated receiving some jingle bells, which can warn shoppers about pick-pockets, as her purse and mobile phone were once snatched from her bag without her noticing in Bridgend town centre.

Litchard PCSO Heather Dobbs said: "We've had a great response from the public here today and have given out 200 jingle bells in the space of two hours alone, as well as crime prevention information."

"Having a surgery at the hospital has been an ideal way to chat to members of the public who may have difficulty getting out or attending evening PACT meetings".

Community Councillor Carolyn Webster, Conservative member for the Litchard ward added: "In order for the community to thrive and remain safe, it's important for the police, council and members of the public to all work together, not in isolation."

From left: PC Julie Phillips, Community Councillor Carolyn Webster and PCSO Heather Dobbs.

MEMORIAL CONCERT IS A GREAT SUCCESS IN KENFIG HILL CHURCH

THE first annual Malvina Morgan memorial concert took place recently in St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill.

After the concert, local historian and regular GEM contributor Keith E Morgan told The GEM: "It was wonderful and was a great honour to my late wife Malvina.

"The theme of the concert was love, and I am indebted to the Kenfig Hill Male Choir, with accompanist Philip Jullife, for such a fine performance and interpretation of this theme under their musical director, the Rev Richard Spencer.

"My extra special thanks to Faye Gossedge, who had taken time off from university to come and give such a wonderful recital on the grand piano. She has a marvellous talent, which I know will take her far.

"Thank you also to all those in the background who have given their unstinted help to make the event such a success. Last, but not least, to all those who attended the concert or made such generous donations; you have all done Malvina proud, I thank you."

Mr Morgan added that the concert had raised more than £600, and that the money would be divided equally and would go to Y Bwythyn Newydd and to church funds.

ABOVE: Keith E Morgan, concert organiser, with Faye Gossedge, concert pianist, and Rev Richard Spencer, musical director of the Kenfig Hill Male Choir.

ABOVE: Photographed by Glyn Evans, the extended family of Malvina Morgan gather outside St Theodore's chourch for the concert.

LEFT: The Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir performed a varied programme, with the gospel-influenced 'American Trilogy' a particular highlight.

LEFT: Philip Jullife, accompanist to the Kenfig Hill Male Choir, was presented with a bottle of wine by Jennie Johnson, niece of the late Malvina Morgan.

FAR LEFT: Faye Gossedge with Mrs Julie Williams, also a niece of Malvina Morgan.

Porthcawl's political dynasty notches up another milestone

ABOVE: The new Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere and Consort Coun David Deere, with the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams.

A MEMBER of a long-serving political family in Porthcawl has been installed as the new mayor of the town.

Coun Rosemary Deere is the third generation of her family to chair the town's council.

Her father, Richard, served as chairman of the old Porthcawl UDC three times and was a councillor for 18 years, and her grandfather, the estate agent T Elwood Deere, served for 26 years on that council and was chairman twice.

She will equal her grandfather's record as this is her second term in the chair.

Coun Deere's brother David is also a town councillor and the leader of the Conservative group. He has also been active in public life, serving on the old Ogwr Borough Council, the old Porthcawl UDC and was also vice chairman of the Bridgend Local Health Board.

Rosemary Deere is currently a member of Bridgend County Borough Council, representing the Porthcawl West Central ward on both the town and borough councils. She was borough mayor for 2006-07 and previously served on the old Ogwr Borough Council from 1983-1991.

Miss Deere is qualified chartered surveyor and has spent her working life in the family estate agency and property business along with her brother.

She said she was delighted to be appointed town mayor for the second time: "I am looking forward to attending many functions in the town and to meeting people from all walks of life who are active in our community. Porthcawl is a very lively town with lots going on and I know that I shall have a very busy year."

Coun Mary Emment Lewis was voted in as deputy mayor.

Coun Deere was installed by outgoing mayor Coun David Newton Williams, who thanked everyone for their support during his year of office. He also thanked his wife Gaynor, who is a town councillor in her own right, for all her support.

He will be finalising his charity appeal shortly and hopes to help six different organisations – Cancer Research, RNLI, Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, LATCH, Newton Lifeguards and Porthcawl Sea Cadets.

Coun Deere said she will announce her charities at the Civic Sunday on June 7.

ABOVE: The outgoing mayor was presented with a figurine of ... a mayor!

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ABOVE: Coun Newton-Williams receiving a cheque from Evan Williams, chairman of the Porthcawl Civic Fund Committee, and other committee members. The final total for the appeal this year (money is still coming in) is expected to pass £6,000.

GOLFERS RAISE £5,000 FOR HERONSBRIDGE – A SPECIAL SCHOOL!

A CHARITY golf day organised by local businessmen David Harris and Julian Kelly, held last Friday at The Grove Golf Club, proved a popular attraction for 144 golfers, who helped raise £5,000 for Heronsbridge Special School, Bridgend.

RESULTS

Men's team event – Winners – Cottrell Codgers with 117 stableford points. (George Munroe, Patrick Wilkins, Karl Harris and Dave Cope).

Runners-up – Edmunds Arms social drinkers with 101 points (48 back nine). (Hayden Painter, Jeffrey Holben, Brian Trott and Eric Williams).

Third – NFU Usk office with 101 points (46 back nine). (Andy Hilditch, Sean Willis, Peter O'Toole and Chris Hughes).

Fourth – NFU Laleston office with 101 points (45 back nine). (Gareth Jones, Kevin Hughes, Mick O'Sullivan and Julian Kelly).

Men's individual winner – Patrick Wilkins with 39 points; runner-up – Rhydian Harris with 36 points.

Men's longest drive – Daniel Jarvis.

Ladies team event – Winners – Glen Harry Haulage Ltd with 82 points (Jane Lott, Denise Lloyd, Liz Martin and Tanya Olney).

Runners-up – Southerndown long hitters with 81 points (Caroline Kelly, Nicky Hughes, Tina O'Sullivan and Beryl Vaughan).

Ladies' individual winner – Nicky Hughes with 32 points; runner-up – Tanya Olney with 28 points.

Ladies' longest drive – Liz Martin.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes – 4th hole, Huw Smith; 7th, Nick Mahoney; 12th, Neil McLean; 18th, Mark Hale.

Lost ball sweep correctly guessing 257 balls would fail to return home – Leigh Coles.

The organisers are extremely grateful to the many local organisations that supported this event and to those that donated prizes.

Ladies' runner-up with Tanya Olney and Julian Kelly.

Jacki Bevan, Ted Manton and Lynda Williams accepting the cheque for £5,000 for Heronsbridge School.

George Munro from the winning team.

Neil Maclean with Julian Kelly.

ABOVE:
Martin David with the best endeavour team.

ABOVE:
Ladies winning team of Tanya Olney, Liz Martin, Denise Lloyd and Jane Lott.

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Caerau group takes community award prize

ABOVE: The tenants and residents group show off their award.

A TENANTS and residents group in Caerau has won a top award.

The 'Tenants Participation Project' awards gave first place in Wales to the Friends of Brynheulog, a community association on Caerau Park Estate.

The friends won the award for their first class effort on the 'Safer Routes' project in Caerau. Established for less than three years, the group got stuck into the project, liaising with the local community on improvements to the walking and cycling routes in the area.

The 'Safer Routes in Communities' project, co-ordinated by BCBC transportation and engineering department, took the door-to-door community research carried out by the friends and created a £130,000 project for better local transportation, winning funding from the Welsh Assembly Government and Valleys to Coast Housing (V2C).

The award was received at a ceremony in Llandudno, where some members of the group were interviewed on stage in front of delegates from all over Wales, just before walking away with the plaque for first prize.

Alison, chair of the group, said: "This is the first award we've won and won't be the last. We've got lots of projects planned for the area."

Steve Curry, V2C regeneration manager, said: "It's great to see tenant and resident groups getting positively involved in regeneration projects such as this. It's only by working in partnership with the community that we can be successful."

ABOVE:
The completed section.

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Porthcawl mayor celebrates his 80th!

A GRAND cabaret night was staged to mark the climax of Coun David Newton Williams' year as mayor of Porthcawl – and as an early celebration of his 80th birthday in August.

Coun Newton Williams, who is still a practising architect, was the star guest at the night held in the Hi-Tide in Porthcawl, and it was attended by his wife Gaynor, plus many of his family.

The event was organised to raise money for the Mayor's Charities Fund, which will be divided between six organisations – Cancer Research, RNLI, Ty Hafan, LATCH, Newton Lifeguards and Porthcawl Sea Cadets and it raised £800, which will go towards the grand total.

Coun Newton Williams thanked everyone for their support as he was ending his third term as mayor.

"I have suggested that having held the office on three occasions, I should be allowed to stay as mayor in perpetuity," he joked. "But they are having none of it!"

He said that it had been a very busy year and he had enjoyed meeting so many people and getting involved in so many events with a host of different organisations.

He said: "It has been very fulfilling and rewarding and I have enjoyed every minute. I decided at the outset that I would go to as many events as possible and some days, we have been at four different things, so we are looking forward to having a bit of a rest."

The evening opened with members of Porthcawl Amateur Operatic Society singing excerpts from their latest show *Calamity Jane*, which had been staged very successfully at the Grand Pavilion. Coun Newton Williams, who is a keen singer, is a former member of the society.

Other entertainment was provided by singer Sarah Williams, duo Punchline, and comedy impressionist Mervyn Jay.

Coun Newton Williams thanked the organisers of the evening – Philip and Debbie Curtis of Bar 19 and friends Peter Lewis and John Nicholls.

The MC for the evening was the peerless John Pearman, who did a wonderful job.

Members of Porthcawl Male Voice Choir also turned up to show their support – but having sung at a long concert decided to rest their voices.

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ABOVE: The cast of the Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's production of Calamity Jane sang a selection of songs from the show.

ABOVE: The mayor being presented with a birthday cake by Gaynor Newton-Williams and Debbie Curtis.

ABOVE: The mayor and mayoress of Porthcawl, Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams with the organisers of the mayor's 80th birthday party at the Hi Tide. Left to right, back row: John Nicholls, Philip Curtis, John Pearman, Tracy Hill, Peter Lewis. Front row: Diane Standen, Margo Nicholls and Debbie Curtis.

ABOVE: The special notes printed for the roulette table at the party.

ABOVE: Vocalist Sarah Williams gave Cloun Newton-Williams the full Shirley Bassey 'Big Spender' treatment.

ABOVE: The Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Cllrs. David & Gaynor Newton-Williams arriving at the Hi Tide.

Riding group's charity will hold a jazz day

THE Bridgend (Coity) Riding for the Disabled Group is celebrating 40 years with another 'Jazz in the Field' on June 27.

This year sees the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Bridgend (Coity) Riding for the Disabled Group, which was established by John Ladbrooke and his late wife Barbara.

Their vision was to provide local children with special needs and other disabilities the opportunity to learn to ride ponies and, in so doing, make the most of the potential within them.

A group spokesman, Clive Roberts, said: "The children benefit tremendously from their riding. It enables them to experience and develop a sense of freedom and achievement.

"Some have even gone on to compete in, and win, regional and national riding championships."

From the outset, the provision of riding has been – and will remain – free. Bridgend (Coity) Riding for the Disabled Group is a charity funded entirely through donations and fundraising activities.

A team of dedicated volunteer instructors and helpers give lessons to more than 70 riders each week throughout the year and ensure that a safe and enjoyable environment is provided for all the children.

Clive Roberts aid: "Jazz in the Field is a major event in the group's fundraising calendar and all are welcome. This year's event, to be held on June 27, will be dedicated to the memory of Barbara Ladbrooke, who passed away in June last year following a long illness.

"The evening will celebrate her total commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to the running of this particularly successful group. Following the success of Jazz in the Field 2007, the Park Lane Big Band is returning by popular demand for another evening of music and dancing.

"The evening will have a family theme and children are welcome too. Should the weather turn inclement, the event will carry on with everything being moved indoors into a marquee within the riding area!"

For further information about the event, ring the ticket hotline on 07984 383 416. Tickets are also available from: Coity Post Office, Maes Glas Veterinary Clinic, Brackla, Felicity Accessories, Nolton Street, Bridgend.

Porthcawl's musical evening is live – and it is also free!

PORTHCAWL's summer musical event takes place this coming Saturday, May 30, at Cosy Corner.

The popular and free annual show has been extended this year with an afternoon programme aimed at a younger audience. The evening programme contains a mix of entertainers to suit all ages.

The event gets underway at 12noon with a wine tent, food stalls, Hog roast and other entertainments.

The first of the afternoon entertainers goes on stage at 1.50pm and this continues until 6.20pm. The afternoon's activities are compered by Lee Jukes of Bridge FM.

Entertainers lined up include Fewsion, Sarah Milligan, Who you know, Natalie Walters, A state of Business, Stanley Band, Allegro and the hip-hop dancing group Gyrate.

The evening's entertainment kicks off at 7pm with Porthcawl Male Voice Choir. Next on stage are children from Adran yr Urdd, with Stephanie Chick, harpist.

The Phi Chi Jazz duo then take to the stage with Porthcawl Choral Society due to perform at 7.45pm.

They are followed by Shenanigans, Col Canto and at 8.30pm, Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society.

The compere for the evening is Coun David Newton Williams. All are welcome.

Now it's all aboard the Brecon Beacons Bus!

TWO buses are being laid on to link Bridgend borough with Brecon every Sunday and Bank Holiday.

The new service was launched last weekend and will run throughout the summer until September 27.

The B2 service is operated by GM Coaches and will leave Picton Court in Nottage at 8.18am, then depart from Stand 9 at Bridgend Bus Station at 9am. It will then travel via Brackla and Coychurch, arriving in Brecon at 10.55am.

The return journey leaves Brecon Interchange at 5.30pm, arriving back in Bridgend at 7.23pm.

A second Beacons service called the B3 service, operated by EST Buses, leaves Bridgend bus station at stand 10 at 9.10am.

This bus will travel via Macarthur Glen (Odeon cinema stop) at 9.22am; Blackmill Post Office at 9.35am; Ogmore Vale (Cwrt Gwalia) at 9.41am and Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, at 9.45am, arriving in Brecon at 10.55am.

It too, will leave Brecon at 5.30pm, with arrival at Bridgend at 7.13pm.

Free bus passes are valid on these journeys and timetables are available on request at Bridgend Bus Station,

The bus service is organised by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, and partly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council.

Bridgend AM's surgeries

CARWYN JONES, the Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold constituency surgeries on Friday, June 5, as follows:

Porthcawl, Town Council offices (4pm-4.30pm); Nottage, St David's Church Hall (4.45pm-5.15pm); Newton, The Schoolroom (5.30pm-6pm).

Austerity rules as new mayor Jeff takes office

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Coun Tildesley, who lives in North Cornelly, chose Pyle Life Centre for his installation as mayor because it was the place where he became a councillor more than 40 years ago.

He recalled: "I won a seat on the old Kenfig Parish Council in May 1965 – and the count was held in Pyle Welfare Hall, which is now part of the Life Centre.

"We held the mayor-making in the same room where the count had taken place, which was a nice link to the past."

Coun Tildesley and his family first moved to the area from Lancashire when his father was working for contractors building the Margam steelworks.

"We had rented out our house and we brought a caravan here, staying at Cae Garw Farm. We were the only caravan there at that time, and we relied on the Joseph family for our water, as we were parked up against the gable end of their house.

"I was delighted when David Joseph, the son of the family, was able to attend the ceremony. I had invited his father John, but he was unwell and had to miss it."

Coun Tildesley was 14 when he arrived in Wales and the family never actually made the move back to Lancashire – settling in Cornelly after a couple of years in the house where he still lives and where his sister Audrey opened a hairdressing salon in the front room. She is now his consort for the year.

Mr Tildesley was 22 when he first became a councillor and has been involved in local government at various levels ever since – serving on the old Ogwr Borough Council, Cynffig Community Council and Cornelly Community Council as well as Bridgend County Borough Council.

He now sits as an independent, having been de-selected by the Labour Party some years ago, but he stood and swept to victory, securing the largest personal vote of any councillor in the whole county borough at the last three elections.

Coun Tildesley ended up working for the same engineering and construction firm as his father – William Press, which later become Amec – and retired from there.

He is now 65 and is looking forward immensely to his year as mayor.

He is a leader of the Brackla Tabernacle Apostolic Church and has also been a volunteer with the Red Cross, working with refugees and asylum seekers.

He said that he will give prominence to the economy during his year and will be seeking every way he can to promote local firms and create jobs in the area.

He said: "This may not be the best of times, but there's a job to be done. I will be giving my support to the council's economic development unit to help support existing companies and attract new employers to the area.

"I also feel strongly that we should give the police our full support, as they are keeping Bridgend one of the safest places in which to live in the country."

He has not yet finalised which charities he will support but has already picked one – Yellow Wales – which is based locally in Maesteg and helps unemployed and homeless young people.

He is also hoping to make the Sandville Self Help Centre another recipient.

The third charity is still to be decided, in conjunction with the mayor's appeal committee, which works hard throughout the year raising money.

He was installed by the outgoing mayor, Coun Cleone Westwood.

Coun Colin Teesdale of Maesteg was installed as deputy mayor.

ABOVE: Coun Tildesley with guests Melvin and Fely Garcia.

ABOVE: The new mayor congratulates his deputy, Coun Colin Teesdale.

The new county borough Mayor welcomes the new deputy youth mayor, Liam Rose. The new Youth mayor is Lee Parker. Below, Coun Tildesley says thank you to the retiring mayor, Coun Cleone Westwood. (All photographs by Keith E Morgan.)

Harpists Angharad Roberts and Stephanie Chick played at the inauguration.

THE PORTHCAWL SCOUTS WELCOME NEW RECRUITS

THE 1st Porthcawl Scouts held their AGM on May 13 in Woodland Hall, when a vote of thanks was given to retiring executive committee chairman, Chris Bluck.

The new executive committee chairman elected was Chris Pugh-Bevan and new scouts were invested by Steve Sloan, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, Meirion Lewis, Group Scout Leader, and Jonathan Rowe, Scout Leader.

Badges were presented to Beavers and Cubs by Coun David Newton-Williams, his last official public duty/function as Mayor of Porthcawl.

The full 1st Porthcawl Scout Group with Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Included in the picture are (left to right): Jonathan Rowe (Scout Leader), Jean Thomas (Akela), Meirion Lewis (Group Scout Leader), Lyn Batters (Scout Leader, 1st Nottage Scout Group), Keith Hopkin (area badge secretary and assistant Cub Leader), Margaret Hopkin (Deputy Area Scout Commissioner, Mid Glamorgan), Denise Bridger (instructor), and Coun David Newton-Williams, Mayor of Porthcawl.

ABOVE: The new Scouts taking the oath and Scout promise with Steve Sloan, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

The new Scouts being addressed by Margaret Hopkin, deputy area Scout Commissioner, Mid Glamorgan.

Photographs above by KEITH E MORGAN

GARNWEN CAR WASH

Firefighters in Maesteg will be washing cars this Saturday, to raise money for the Garnwen fund – which was set-up in memory of 22-year-old Alex Collins from Maesteg, who died in the Thai air crash in 2007.

Some of the money will also be given to the firefighters charity, which helps fire fighters and their families who are injured or killed on duty.

Alex was killed as the plane crashed on landing at Phuket. His girlfriend, Bethan Jones from Porth, who was travelling with him, died 10 days later.

The car wash will take place at Maesteg Fire station between 10am-3pm on Saturday, May 30.

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Watchdog Civic Trust wins praise from mayor

WHEN members of Porthcawl Civic Trust gathered for a coffee morning at the Atlantic Hotel, they were joined by guests and visitors.

The organisation has been prominent in a number of local campaigns, including opposition to the Scarweather Sands wind farm and other environmental issues.

It also plays a leading part in preserving the town's buildings and urban heritage.

Chairman Anthony Hontoir welcomed everyone, including the Porthcawl Mayor Coun Rosemary Deere and Helen Baker, the Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Bridgend.

He said that the society had worked very hard over the past year and the focus had been on the long-awaited regeneration of the town.

"Regeneration is still being considered by the council, even though we are in the middle of a serious depression.

"We could ask how they are still considering this when building firms are going bankrupt, but those involved are those with a track record of involvement in developments in other seaside towns and they are taking the long view.

"They can look ahead a number of years and see what can be done."

He said meetings were taking place with BCBC on these issues and Mike Mansley represents the trust on the regeneration forum and keeps everyone informed.

Mr Hontoir pointed out that the society had also been involved in moves by the council to upgrade the Customs House, which was in a sorry state despite being a listed building.

He said that this building was a link with Porthcawl's maritime past and the council had replaced the roof with one made of shingles, although the trust had since discovered that the original roof was slated.

He added that in future it was to be hoped that a slate roof would be placed back on the building: "This was an important building and we look forward to it being fully restored."

Coun Deere said she was delighted to support this event and the trust: "Since 1970, you have served the town well, acting as a watchdog and also as a body to promote civic pride. You are particularly concerned about the conservation areas in Newton, Nottage and Porthcawl itself.

"You scrutinise all planning applications and regularly make comments aboThe event was organiut how these will impact on the appearance of the town."

Coun Deere confirmed that talks were still progressing about regeneration and she sincerely hoped that it would happen soon.

"We have the commitment of the cabinet and of all parties on the council. Despite the state of the housing market, it is not dead in the water."

She said that Porthcawl Town Council was very well aware of the contribution made to the town by the Civic Trust and she wished the organisation every success in the future.

Caroline Vaughan (on right) secretary of the Porthcawl Civic Trust, sells raffle tickets to Coun Jill Sweet, Coun Rosemary Deere, Mayor of Porthcawl; Joyce Webb, Helen Baker, Conservative parliamentary candidate and Brian Webb.

BRIDGEND PACT MEETINGS

BRACKLA PACT, today (May 28), at Brackla Junior School, 6.30pm.

PENCOED PACT, June 3, Welfare Hall, Pencoed, 7.45pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT, Brynteg Comprehensive (the library), 6.30pm.

MORFA TOWN PACT, June 4, Penybont School, Minerva Street, 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL, Wildmill Community Centre, 6.30pm.

THIRD YEAR FOR CHARITY WALK!

THE third Mair's Walk takes place at Bridgend on Sunday, July 5.

The charity walks are organised by local businesswoman Mair ap Gruffydd, who runs Mair's B&B in Cowbridge Road.

She has been treated for lung cancer in Velindre Hospital and decided to raise money for the hospital's Lung Cancer Research Unit.

Her first walk attracted 400 people and raised £12,500.

Her second walk, last year, attracted 800 walkers and raised £19,500. Mair is hoping to exceed both figures this time.

She said: "We will be setting off from the Recreation Centre at 11.30am and walking, as usual, through Newbridge Fields and then through Merthyr Mawr, crossing the river by Ogmore Castle on the stepping stones and ending up in a field at Ogmore Farm.

"We want lots of people to take part, because it's not a strenuous walk and young and old can do it."

Those unable to make the trek can meet the walkers at their destination, where there will be a marquee with a bar, a hog roast, hot dogs and entertainment, including a bouncy castle for the kids.

Bridgend Male Voice Choir members will be there to serenade the walkers, who will be led by rugby stars John Devereux and Kevin Ellis.

Mair said: "We try to make a day of it and organise something that the whole family can enjoy.

"It would be great if people registered in advance, but you can do it still on the day."

The appeal is now called the Stepping Stones Appeal because of the route the walkers take.

Anyone wanting a form or more information can ring Mair on 01656 654838.

Forms will also be at the Foot Clinic in Nolton Street, or at 34, Cowbridge Road.

WI make a resolution, to protect honey bees

BRACKLA/BRIDGEND WI

THE May meeting of Brackla/Bridgend WI in Nolton church hall was presided over by president Jackie Lowing.

The resolution to gain funding from the government for the health and welfare of the honey bee population was discussed and voted upon.

This was then followed by the monthly business, which included a report from Cynthia Morris on the council meeting held recently at Swansea.

The competition 'something orange' was won by Betty Hunt.

On May 15, four members enjoyed 'a taste of India day' in the India Centre in Cardiff.

Forthcoming events in June include, the GFWI quiz in Coychurch Memorial Hall on June 8, at 7pm; the link coffee morning on June 16 at Coychurch between 10am-12pm.

The croquet tournament at Dyffryn Gardens on June 18. The Police open day on June 21 and a handbell ringing day on June 14.

The next meeting will be on June 18. Visitors or new members will be welcomed.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AT LITCHARD JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

MAGNIFICENT MOVIE

YEAR-5 children took part in a competition with Bridgend College IT department on a *Mamma Mia* movie competition.

The students taught us how to edit and film a puppet theatre production. It was great fun learning many new skills.

We then formed a mini enterprise, where every pupil had a job to do such as costume design, stage design, film and editing. Everyone worked together as a team to create a Mamma Mia short film.

On Wednesday, May 6, we went to Heronsbridge School along with three other schools to unveil our film at a prestigious awards ceremony.

It was an amazing fun-filled afternoon where Litchard Junior children were announced as winners of the competition.

We are now looking forward to entering in next year's SMILE event, which will hopefully be taken to regional level.

Report by DANIEL JENKINS, HARVEY JONES and ELIZA THOMAS.

HOVERCRAFT HEAVEN

A GROUP of students from the engineering department of Bridgend College, visited our school to help us build hovercrafts.

The hover-crafts were made from small chip cartons and we could decorate them how we wanted. We had two weeks to build our hovercrafts.

We visited Heronsbridge School on May 6, to race our hovercrafts against other schools. We won a trophy for the best looking hovercraft – it was a smiley face theme.

Litchard Junior were the overall winners, and we all had a fantastic afternoon.

Report by JED STILLMAN, KIM ROBERTS and JOSIE ELLEN TILEY (6S).

CROSS-COUNTRY

LITCHARD Junior cross-country team visited Bryntirion Comprehensive School for their race meeting.

In the years-3 and year-4 boys category Benji Edwards (4F) came first, William Prosser (4F) came seventh, and Jack Bogue (4F_ came 14th.

In the year-5 and year-6 girls category, Beth Keagle (5S) came 36th. These are excellent results from a dedicated team.

The next race will be at Ynysawdre Comprehensive School on June 20.

SUPER SWIMMERS

WELL done to Aimee Alexander (4H), Nia Obaid (4H) and Elin Obaid (4F) who swam in the Young Olympians development gala for Bridgend County.

Aimee came first in the breast stroke, first in back stroke and third in front crawl.

Nia came fourth in breast stroke and fourth in the front crawl, while twin sister Elin came third in the breast stroke and fifth in the front crawl. Aimee was the fastest over all nine-year-old swimmer in breast and back stroke for the county event.

NFER TESTING

ALL children in the junior school have completed the NFER (National Foundation of Educational Research) tests.

Children were tested on their reading, writing, spelling and maths ability to monitor their progress. The children took these tests as a class, in their own classrooms, working at their own pace with no specified time limit.

AEROBIC SUCCESS!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ellie Butcher (5S), who represented Wales in aerobic gymnastics for the first time in Slovakia during the Easter holidays.

Out of the 24 girls taking part in her age category Ellie came ninth, a fantastic achievement in her first international competition. Well done Ellie!

Thank you to the gymnasts from Aero-Gym Aerobic Gymnastic club, Abbie Davies (5S), Ellie Butcher (5S), Chloe Baker (5C), Jessica Burton (6S) and past pupil Ceri Thomas, who came into school to do a demonstration of their dance routines.

The squad are busy preparing for the Welsh Championships in Cardiff in three weeks time, and it was a lovely opportunity to show the new routines they have been working on.

Anyone interested in joining Aero-Gym (boys also welcome) contact club coach Heidi Jones on 01656 647023.

HOUNDS FOUND SAFE AND SOUND

WELL done to James Birmingham (5S) and younger sister Kira Birmingham (3S) who turned into doggie detectives recently when their elderly and disabled neighbours two dogs escaped from their home.

James and Kira helped neighbours search the area and found the two dogs hiding under a car! James and Kira returned the dogs to their grateful owners and were given a £5 reward!

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

LITCHARD School hosted two teachers from Canara School in Mangalore, Southern India.

Headteacher K C Leelavathi and teacher Meera Krishna were introduced to Welsh education from nursery through to university. Visits included Litchard Schools, Brynteg Comprehensive and the environmental engineering school at Cardiff University.

The programme for the visit was carefully planned and introduced the visitors to a taste of Welsh life that included experiences about the heritage and culture of Wales, the arts and cuisine.

An evening of dance and music was provided by Penyfai Dancers and members of Mabon.

The school catering team provided suitable Welsh refreshments, which were enjoyed by staff and governors.

We arranged for our visitors to meet Carwyn Jones (AM) and Jane Hutt (AM) at the Welsh Assembly, the Mayor of Bridgend, Coun Cleone Westwood and Alana Davies, the cabinet member for children and young people in Bridgend.

The interaction with pupils was a great experience as we all learn from each other. It was great to compare and contrast the life of ordinary people in both districts.

Mangalore is in the tropics and experiences high temperatures and high levels of humidity. On arriving in the UK, we had to provide winter clothing for our guests as they felt the cold of our spring weather.

This is in complete contrast to the conditions experienced by teachers from Litchard when they visited Mangalore in February.

The project is part of a British council supported initiative and it has enabled teachers and pupils in two quite different settings to appreciate and understand that even though there are differences, there are also lots of similarities.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

THERE was a big response to the survey, and thanks to the careful and detailed collation of the responses by pupils from year-6, we have a very good remit to take forward.

The results were collated separately and together, for both the infant and junior schools.

The outcome of the survey was as follows:

Strong support for one uniform through from nursery to year-6.

Strong support for adopting the Blue and Yellow colours.

Strong support for adopting the junior school badge, and strong support for having the uniform for September.

The results will now be taken to the school governors for agreement. A number of people suggested using white and blue as the main colours as it is easier to purchase white polo shirts.

We will consider this and thank you to everyone that responded.

BEST MARCHERS

WELL done to Chloe Sandford (6S) who on Thursday, May 21 won a trophy for being the 'Best Marcher'.

Chloe marches with the South Cymru Sapphires and had to march for 15 minutes while doing a number of different displays.

Chloe did not make any mistakes and won her trophy for marching with straight arms and high legs. Well done Chloe.

FOOTBALL

WELL done to Amelia Barnes from Mrs Parslow's year-2 class who recently won a medal playing in a football tournament for Pen Y Fai Football Club.

RUGBY

Kieran Chalmers, Ryan Neagle (year-1), Ieuan Wallis and Morgan Williams (year-2) have received trophies and personalised jackets from Tondu RFC.

PRESENTATION

CONGRATULATIONS to Eva Smith and Grace George, both from year-1, as they have taken part in a pre-primary presentation class for ballet (Royal Academy of Dance).

TOURISM WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN PLANS TO LEAD WALES OUT OF RECESSION

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

I HAD no doubt that Whitmore Bay would retain its Blue Flag status in this week's welcome announcements and the Penarth Marina was also good news!

With the latest report from our Welsh Assembly Government Visit Wales campaign showing that there is a good deal of interest in holidaying in Wales this summer, we must promote the attractions of the Vale of Glamorgan as part of this opportunity.

I recently hosted an event in the Senedd as part of Tourism Week and it was good to see the Heritage Coast featured as a major attraction.

Visit Wales was promoting Wales over the recent Bank holiday and half term week for visitors and holidaymakers to have a taste for the summer months when we are 'promised' better weather this year!

We are promoting tourism as part of our response to the economic downturn with a £19m boost to develop Heritage Tourism announced earlier this month.

Last week, the Minister for Heritage announced that around 60 tourism projects already awarded almost £10.5 million, form the Rural Development Plan Tourism, opening up opportunities in counties like the Vale of Glamorgan.

There have been two tourism summits this year alongside our economic summits, to strengthen working relationships between government and the tourism industry. Those involved in developing and delivering tourism opportunities in Wales are influencing government as an industry-led partnership develops.

The recent 'Response to the Recession' event organised by Barry College's Vale training partners (VGTA) addressed the importance of engaging with business in partnership, so that we can provide the right support when it is needed, using the levers of government to respond.

The First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, spoke about the 'social partnership' we have developed with business and the trade unions through the Wales-wide summits, at his recent Senedd lecture.

In my speech at the Barry College event I said, that it is important reflect on how and why this has been successful and how we can 'bottle it' for future progressive partnership working.

The proof that partnership works is tested by how agile and flexible government can be in meeting the needs of employers and their workforces. The most widely talked about measure we have introduced is Proact, providing a combination of training support and wage subsidy for businesses having to move to short-time working.

Backed with European funding throughout Wales, Proact has the potential to assist up to 12,000 people. I was pleased to introduce Proact in record time from concept in November 2008 to project delivery in January.

Now there are thousands of employees across Wales benefiting from the training provided and sustaining those businesses through to the uplift.

My focus over the next few weeks will be young people. Encouraging young people to stay in school and college is the key message.

We will tackle youth unemployment with our youth guarantee scheme - training and job opportunities, but we must also prevent it by assisting and supporting youngsters to progress in education.

So what are we doing? We have twice as many apprentices per head of the working population compared with England.

We have enhanced arrangements to protect existing apprentices or to find a new employer should they be released early by their employer.

From the summer, we will introduce a 'Young Recruits Programme' to help employers take on a new young apprentice, and we will be providing apprenticeships for those who want to benefit from apprenticeship training but have been unable to find a place.

We have also put more money into the careers service to support their vital advice and guidance role and increased our funding to further education colleges like Barry College.

Back to tourism and the role it can play at this time of economic uncertainty.

The results of the tourism industry survey following Easter Bank Holiday showed that 41 per cent of businesses have increased their guest/visitor numbers, and Easter attractions resulted in 73 per cent reporting an uplift in visitor numbers including more visits to Cadw sites of which we have a number in the Vale. Research is also showing that more people remembered seeing a Wales advert or promotion than any other UK destination.

There are jobs and training opportunities for our young people in tourism and Wales has everything to offer, especially in the Vale!

Vale AM's surgery

JANE HUTT AM will be holding a surgery on Saturday (May 30) at 115 High Street, Barry (10am-12noon).
No appointments are necessary.

CASH CRISIS FORCED CLOSURE OF BARRY CUSTODY SUITE - POLICE

THE cash crisis at South Wales Police forced the closure of the custody suite at Barry Police Station, it has been revealed.

A police spokesman said that the future of the suite was under review when the Police Authority's precept was being set.

As a result of a decision to refuse Chief Constable Barbara Wilding all the money she requested and set a lower precept, the suite will be closed.

The spokesman said that work costing up to £400,000 was needed to bring the cells at Barry up to acceptable standards and that money was not available.

He said that the police have no alternative but to move the prisoner handling services from Barry to a new 60-cell complex being built by police in Cardiff Bay, and due to open later this year.

Police are confident that the new facility will offer a more sophisticated, streamlined and efficient handling service for prisoners, but there are concerns about the time it will take police officers to take prisoners all the way to Cardiff.

Llantwit Major Town Council heard recently that officers sometimes took two to three hours to take prisoners to Barry and get them checked in, and this period of time could lengthen as Cardiff is further away.

This means that officers are away from front line policing duties while transporting prisoners and then waiting to book them in before travelling back.

There have been instances where towns like Llantwit have been left unpoliced for those periods.

With the impending merger of the Vale and Bridgend divisions, some prisoners from the western Vale, including Cowbridge, may be taken to Bridgend, instead of Cardiff, but the custody suite here is often full, with prisoners being taken to Port Talbot or, ironically, Barry in the past.

Police have met Vale Council officers to discuss the impact of the decision on probation and other support services.

Vale PACT meetings

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, June 1, 8pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, June 2, at 7pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerstone Community Learning Centre, June 3, at 7pm.

ST ATHAN PACT, The Gathering Place, June 3, at 7.30pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides church hall, June 3, at 6pm.

WENVOE PACT, Wenvoe Community hall, June 8, at 7.30pm.

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Railway company welcomes apprentices group to Barry base

THE Cambrian Group, parent company of Cambrian Transport Ltd, welcomed the UK Rail Apprenticeships Steering Group to Barry, where it is planning to create a national centre of excellence for rail and transport skills.

Earlier this year, Cambrian was selected by the Vale Council to take over the custodianship of the 43-acre site in Barry, which has extensive rail facilities.

Cambrian Group chairman, John Buxton, said: "I was pleased that we were able to play host to this month's meeting of this important industry group in Barry, and have the opportunity to give a tour of the site and to talk about our ambitious plans."

The Rail Apprenticeship Steering Group is facilitated by Sector Skills Council Go Skills, and is attended by key professionals involved in the delivery and planning of training across the UK rail industry. Cambrian also has a representative on the Group.

ABOVE: The photograph shows Cambrian Group chairman, John Buxton, with members of the Rail Apprenticeship Steering Group during their tour of Cambrian's facilities at Barry. The tour was undertaken in a road rail vehicle made available by the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, who are currently undertaking training at Cambrian's facilities.

CRAFT EXHIBITION SHOWCASES TALENTS OF LOCAL ARTISTS

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt, Minister for children, education, lifelong learning and skills, opened the arts and crafts exhibition by adult learners in the rural Vale on Friday, May 15.

The exhibition, held at St Donats Arts Centre, shows the diverse range of teaching and learning activities provided by Lifelong Learning in the rural Vale.

The work represents the wide range of courses in adult education centres and community venues, and shows the progression and confidence that can be achieved through part-time and day courses.

The exhibition is open from Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm until Friday, May 29.

Ms Hutt said: "A superb display of creative talent and skill was exhibited at St Donats Arts Centre, as part of the Vale of Glamorgan Learning Festival.

"I was pleased to play my part in congratulating the learners and their tutors, including Glyn Evans of The GEM, for their outstanding work.

"St Donats Arts Centre was an ideal venue for this exhibition and attracted many visitors to this excellent venue."

ABOVE: Jane Hutt with John Clarke.

ABOVE: The exhibits have drawn in a wide audience.

Flower arrangers meet

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club meets at 7.30pm on June 3, at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Margaret Walker will give a demonstration entitled 'My World of Colour'.

Llantwit coffee morning

AGE Concern's Western Vale Good Neighbour Scheme is holding a coffee morning on June 4, at the Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major, from 10am-12noon.

Admission is £1.50 and this includes tea, coffee and biscuits (plus top ups).

There will be a variety of stalls, from home-made cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac, plants and a raffle.

Proceeds will go towards the Good Neighbour Scheme.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 567.

● **£2000:** 383486. ● **£500:** 747777. ● **£100:** 857682. ● **£50:** 178914. ● **£10:** 610456, 192738, 792343, 365955, 262832, 509414, 864962, 502952, 840886, 802256, 185617, 225214, 415953, 778025, 255998, 563749, 769261, 405394, 409633, 447586. ● **£5:** 528029, 429038, 797277, 246951, 238130, 268233, 498952, 456103, 350966, 223784, 824808, 246567, 814695, 622995, 798518, 575485, 344009, 809970, 576753, 522919, 295268, 414318, 868485, 685683, 567693, 267019, 566301, 318875, 166543, 208248.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

'Made in Wales' CD promoted

THE singer-songwriter Rob Allen has just released his single 'Made in Wales' and was in the Vale earlier this week to promote it.

Rob appeared at The Three Horseshoes in Dinas Powys on Tuesday evening and spent time chatting with fans and signing the CD.

The single is available from download sites including HMV, Tesco and iTunes.

Rob supports Bobath Cymru and is donating 10 per cent of proceeds from the sales to the charity.

Vale AM joins Cog Moors celebration

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with children from Ysgol Treganna.

TO mark the recording of 100,000 young visitors to Welsh water education centres, Jane Hutt AM visited the Cog Moors education and environment centre to join pupils from Ysgol Treganna in a exciting 'Water Aid' project.

Afterwards, the Assembly Member for the Vale commented: "This is a milestone for Welsh Water, demonstrating the company's commitment to investing in our children's education in the Woodlands, alongside the education centre at Cog Moors".

Vale Council stages Dr Seuss exhibition

A HOST of colourful characters were on hand to help celebrate the opening of 'The Art of Dr Seuss' exhibition at Art Central in Barry recently.

The exhibition was officially opened by former Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Audrey Preston, ably assisted by the Cat in the Hat and the Grinch – two of Seuss' most successful characters.

Following a sell-out tour in the USA, the exhibition space secured a coup by becoming the first venue in Wales to host the exhibition, with support from the Arts Council of Wales.

An incredible range of prints, poetry, advertisements, cartoons, magazine cover designs, secret art and 'unorthodox taxidermy' sculptures from classics such as 'Green Eggs and Ham' and 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' are on display at the town hall venue, where the exhibition continues until June 6.

All ages are welcome, and during half-term there will be a series of 'fun factory' art workshops for children and young people running daily between 10am-4pm where you can take part in mask and hat making, storytelling, creative ceramics and other activities based on the Dr Seuss theme.

Art Central Oriel/Gallery is supported by the Arts Council for Wales and is based at the Town Hall, King Square, Barry.

The exhibition is open until this Saturday, 10am-4pm, and entry is free.

ABOVE: Former Mayor, Coun Audrey Preston, officially opened 'The Art of Dr Seuss' exhibition at Art Central recently, with help from some special guests!

St Athan woman's warning after vicious attacks on cats

OWNERS in St Athan are being urged to keep a watch on their pets, after two cats belonging to a local family were attacked.

A 15-month-old cat belonging to Michelle Inch and her boyfriend Sean Wilkin of Mallory Close was crammed into a plastic bag and then swung against a wall.

The terrified black and white cat, called Moo, was left with brain damage and was found huddled up against a wall by Sean on his way to work.

The couple are linking it to an earlier attack on their 10-month-old tabby called Misty, who they found dragging herself back home in agony with a broken leg and severe lacerations to another leg. She has now had her tail amputated and may have to lose one of her legs as a result of the injuries.

"We are horrified," said Michelle, 21, who runs a dog grooming and pet sitting service.

"When Misty was injured, we assumed she had been run over, or had an accident, but a neighbour witnessed the attack on Moo although he could not identify the culprit. This is making us think that somebody is out there attacking cats.

"The police are investigating but they are still gathering evidence."

Michelle has her main salon in Barry but was running the pet sitting service from home.

She said: "I have stopped that now because I have no idea if I am being targeted, or if it's a general problem.

"I am keeping both cats in. It has been very traumatic for them and for us."

The couple have paid out £1,500 in vets' bills and have had to use their savings. They have a one-year old daughter Brooke.

Sean is from St Athan and the couple live in one of the old RAF houses, which they have since purchased. Michelle, who is qualified in pet and animal care, is from Barry.

She urged anyone with information, or whose cat has been attacked, to contact local police.

A police spokesman confirmed that the incidents had been reported to them and were under investigation.

He said that anyone with information should contact Llantwit Major police station on 01656 869447.

A spokesman for the RSPCA commented that these were "appalling incidents" and urged cat owners, in particular those in St Athan, to be on their guard.

"It is unbelievable that people would commit such acts of cruelty on innocent pets. As a charity, we regularly prosecute those responsible for inflicting pain and suffering on animals.

"In this case, police are involved and I would urge anyone with information about the culprits to contact them," the spokesman added.

What's on in Dinas and Sully

Dinas Powys meeting

THE annual general meeting of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern will take place at the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, on June 10, at 7pm.

Copies of the annual report, the accounts and nomination papers will be available at the meeting.

Guild meeting

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will next meet on June 10, in Old School, Sully, at 7.30pm.

Sheila Cowling will be talking about 'Magical Mystical Alpacas and the Fibre of The Gods'. Sheila has her own flock of Alpacas and will bring some fleeces to sell.

For further details, telephone Jean Roberts on 02920 627326.

Rhoose woman's 'priority' plea for needs of disabled

by TIM CHAPMAN

A RHOOSE woman has called on the Vale Council to respond to requests for help by disabled people as a matter of priority.

Rhian Edwards, aged 28, suffers from a rare skin condition and limited mobility, and is helped in her daily routine by a carer.

She told The GEM: "I have a cupboard outside my flat which houses my rubbish.

"The top hinge has gone and when it is opened it comes down with a hell of a force.

"Because it is so heavy, health and safety dictates that it can't be opened."

The idea is that the rubbish is stored in the cupboard until the day of collection, and then Rhian's carer can put it out.

With the cupboard out of action, Rhian is storing the rubbish in the hallway.

"It is not nice breathing in the smell.

"When I phoned up the council to help they didn't seem to care.

"The man on the phone got shirty with me and so did a woman.

"My carer spoke to them and got the same response.

"Last week, they were due to turn up on the Tuesday, but didn't come. Finally on Friday a man came, but it was just to do a report, so I'm wondering how long it will take to sort out."

So far Rhian has had the problem for three weeks.

In 2005, Rhian's partner Paul, who later died of a brain tumour, had to wait for an extra banister rail for a month when the couple were frightened he would have a serious fall.

Rhian added: "I think there should be a council priority for the needs of disabled people."

At the time of going to press The GEM had not received a response from the Vale Council.

Annual walk a great success

NEWS FROM ST HILARY WI

PRIOR to the May meeting, 16 members took part in the group's annual walk around St Hilary and up on to The Downs.

When all had returned and settled gratefully into their seats, president Betty Thomas opened the meeting.

It will be St Hilary's turn to host the Link meeting in October and she asked for suggestions for a speaker and ideas for the entertainment.

Jenny Hughes, delegate to the council meeting in Swansea, then gave an interesting and comprehensive report on the proceedings.

The only resolution for the National AGM in June is entitled 'SOS for the Honey Bees'.

Bees play a vital role in pollinating plants on which humans and animals depend. As their numbers are in decline world wide, the resolution is asking the government for more money to fund research into bee health.

It is essential that the funding of research continues until a solution is found. After a brief discussion, voting for the resolution was unanimous.

Members later settled down to a Beetle Drive, organised by Kay Heath. The winners were Peta Keen, Sheila Davies, Shirley Arnold and Sian Deal.

The competition, for an item beginning with 'E', was won by Margaret Jones.

Next month's meeting will be at 7pm on June 9, in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Linda Feagan from the Dogs' Trust, Bridgend.

Conman 'fleeced' widow (75)

A BARRY conman who tricked a widow out of her life savings has been jailed for three and a half years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Kevin Strongman, 55, posed as a friend to 75-year-old Myra Walton before "systematically fleecing" her of nearly £20,000.

The court heard that Mrs Walton has been devastated by the theft – and it makes her "ill, tearful and upset" to talk about it.

Strongman had been known to her family for years and she believed him to be kind and generous, but he hid the fact that he had previous convictions for obtaining property by deception and forgery.

Mrs Walton – who was described as vulnerable – later told the police: "I never want to see him again."

Prosecutor Steve Harmes said Strongman had been a family friend for many years and Mrs Walton had even been on holiday with him and his relations.

However, after going into a care home two years ago, Mrs Walton placed her finances in his hands.

Strongman then repeatedly stole from her accounts – but it was not discovered until unpaid gas and electricity bills arrived at her care home.

Jonathan Brierly, representing Strongman, said: "He is deeply ashamed. There is very little to mitigate the facts."

He said Strongman had financial difficulties, gambled and lost control.

He said he was 70 per cent disabled, had had 17 operations on his spine and took 100 prescribed painkillers a day.

Mr Brierly said: "That is something horrific and it could have affected his moral sense.

"He is a man of straw and wants to repay each and every penny."

Strongman, of Field View Road, Barry, was jailed for three and a half years after admitting theft and fraud.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said he had "systematically fleeced" her accounts with Barclays, the Post Office, and Nationwide building society.

The judge told him: "This sentence reflects the public's disgust of the meanness of your offences.

"You assumed responsibility for the management of her financial affairs.

"At 75, she had no close family and trusted you.

"She now cannot look forward to a comfortable retirement to which she was entitled, and will become a person whom the taxpayer will have to support."

YOU MADE IT OLIVE – Happy 100th birthday!'

by ALFRED MILLS

ON May 1, I was privileged to be present to celebrate the 100th birthday of a lady I have known and grown up with for more than 80 years, Olive Pruce (nee Way).

Olive was one of a family of four, three girls and one boy – Rosie, Milly, herself and Silas (Sonny).

When she lived in Penmark she was great friends with my late wife Edith, who lived there as a young girl.

The family moved to Rhoose in 1924 to a modern house at Rhoose Road, and Olive, who had left school, obtained work as a housemaid at Reader's Farm in the village.

When I was a schoolboy I had a little job on Saturday mornings at Reader's Farm cleaning out the chicken coops from 9am-12noon, for which I was paid 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence).

On finishing my duties I reported to Olive and duly received my 2/6 plus a cup of tea and a cake!

Rhoose then being a small village, meant we often met at summer and village events.

Olive's husband Albert and I were mates from attendance at Porthkerry School. He met and courted Olive and I met the girl who I eventually married – Olive introduced me to her.

Later in life we visited Olive and Bert and on occasions Olive came to Barry, when their schooldays were often remembered and reminiscences were duly forthcoming.

Although poor health has troubled her over her later years, Olive has triumphed and reached this landmark and I look forward to many more visits to Springbank to see how she is getting on.

Dyffryn Gardens gives busy bees helping hand

AFTER many decades of absence, new bee hives are being established at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale.

The new apiary has been installed as part of a project partnership between the Vale Council and Cardiff, Vale and Valleys Bee Keepers Association.

It will be located in a private area of the stately home's grounds, which will ensure the bees can visit Dyffryn's vast range of trees, plants and flowers.

Coun Gordon Kemp, leader of the Vale Council, commented: "We are delighted to have this new partnership at Dyffryn. With the ongoing restoration of the Edwardian kitchen walled garden and the opportunity for future visitors to not only enjoy the gardens but savour the taste of its produce, the addition of our very own honey will be an absolute treat."

ABOVE: Bee keeper Harold Williams, Coun Gordon Kemp and Barbara Chick from the Bee Keepers Association.

Within the gardens, the association is also providing a traditional period-style display hive, which would normally be found in a kitchen garden. For safety reasons, the hive is sealed and will not contain bees, but contains all other constituent parts and the public will be allowed to lift the roof to look inside.

John King, chairman of Cardiff, Vale and Valleys Bee Keepers Association, added: "Public awareness has been growing regarding the fragility of bee colonies and their declining populations.

"Having new colonies established here and the future opportunity to use Dyffryn to teach the craft of bee keeping to members of the public can only help redress this decline."

Another GEM winner

MRS Chris White from Barry was the recent winner of the Wordsearch competition run by The GEM.

Mrs White won a Stihl HSE51 electric hedgetrimmer supplied by David Evans Agricultural Ltd.

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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

SEARCHING FOR THOSE LOST COMPUTER FILES

KEVIN packed a lot into his recent talk; asked to speak on three topics, he managed to include a fourth one, giving rise to a longer evening (much enjoyed) and a report in two parts, of which this is the second.

System Restore was one topic and Kevin made several points to eliminate any confusion about what it does. The operating system is busy working in the background all the time using the settings that exist at the moment. If these settings are changed by, say, installing a new programme, then you may well not know what changes have been made in the background.

If everything continues to work well, you have no problem. Occasionally, however, things can go haywire and you tear out your hair. System Restore enables you to turn the clock back to an earlier time when everything was behaving. For this, you will need to have System Restore Points.

A Restore Point is automatically created whenever you install new software, or at a time of your choosing, System Restore makes a note of settings and saves them in a dated file. To create a System Restore point, click on the desktop and press F1 for Help and Support Centre.

Under 'Pick a Task' click on 'Undo changes with System Restore' and follow the instructions in the dialogue box to say if you want to create a new one, or restore an existing one. The calendar will show in bold the dates for which a restore point exists.

You can go back to a time before the problem arose and use a restore point that pre-dates the problem. Note that only system files are affected – no alterations will be made to any of your data files and you will not lose any saved edits to documents.

Kevin then reviewed the process of finding files.

Windows has a very powerful Search facility to find it. In XP it is at Start > Search and the search starts on request. In Vista it is at the bottom of the main menu and runs the moment you start typing, but you will have to go to the advanced options to refine the search criteria.

Searches results are improved by the use of 'wild cards' in the information you provide. There are only two. A question mark (?) stands for any single character at that location. An asterisk (*) stands for any number of characters at that location. (Don't type the brackets.)

The power of the wild cards depends upon how well they are used to indicate what you are looking for. The more information given to identify the file being sought, the more likely it will be found.

If in doubt about any part of the file name, use the wild cards and identify only the characters about which you are sure. The more accurate and specific you can be, the fewer results will be returned among which will be your target.

File names have three components: the filename; a dot and an extension usually of three letters (Word 2007 now uses four letters (*.docx)). The filename is created by you to identify the file to yourself.

The extension is normally supplied by the software and used to identify the type of file to the computer so that it knows which programme to use to open it. The essential 'dot' is a mark to separate the other two elements.

If you know the exact filename, then you will get only that file together with it full location information. (You might get more if files with the same name are stored in other folders as well.) Other examples are:

. will return every file. (Don't do it - it's pointless!)

a*.* will return all filenames starting with the letter 'a'.

a*.doc will return a shorter list of Word documents.

*a.doc will return all Word filenames ending in 'a'.

c*s.doc will return all Word filenames that begin with 'c' and end with 's'.

???d will return any filename where the 4th letter is 'd'.

Make the selection to suit your own file-naming system for best results. Remember that clicking on the column heading in the results window will order the results in different ways to make scanning long lists easier.

You can also choose to search for a word or phrase within the file. It takes longer, but picking a word that you know is in the file will help ˆ such as a person,s name. It is also simple to narrow the search to a selected drive or a section of it (such as My Documents) to reduce the time taken.

There are other means of narrowing the search. The search can be refined if you have a rough idea of when the file was created. In this instance it is possible to insert dates, so that if you are sure it was created last October, you can say so.

Penarth Computer Club next meets on Tuesday, June 9 at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Mike will talk about home video - shooting, editing and showing. Visitors and new members are welcome.

For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND

'Stay and Play' at Howells School

A NEW 'Stay + Play' session has started at Howell's Junior School in Llandaff.

This weekly session is open to the public for parents, grandparents and carers of babies and toddlers.

Mrs Judith Ashill, head of the Nursery and Junior School, said: "Our sessions so far have gone very well. It has been lovely to see babies and toddlers having fun and for their carers to meet new people."

Here are some of the visitor comments from the Stay + Play sessions: "There was a warm and friendly welcome"; "Bright and safe environment"; "Lovely 'feel' of space"; "a relaxed, informal atmosphere, I would definitely come again".

The friendly and welcoming staff in the Junior School run the session.

The group is held on Tuesday mornings 9.45am-11.15am (term time only); cost: £2.50 for first child and £1.50 for second child.

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NURTURING EXCELLENCE

Llanbethery hog roast beats elements

WHEN the morning of May 17 opened with torrential rain, many of the village residents who had worked so hard to arrange the annual village party really thought that a cancellation was likely. .

Luckily the rain abated and in spite of a few showers, there were sunny spells (although the temperature was on the chilly side).

Tents had been erected in Mike Pritchard's field and with each villager and their guests bringing their own drinks it wasn't long before there was a very jolly atmosphere.

Thanks to Peter and Sharon Fry we were entertained by two 'International Stars'.

First, returning from her recent tour, was Rhondda Tannoy, the well known Diva.

With Sharon accompanying him, we were very fortunate to have Noel Hernandez, the up-and-coming young Mexican tenor, who sang a selection from various operas, much to the admiration of the audience.

The hog was superb as was the range of salads to embellish it. All in all, a great time was had by all.

Our thanks go to the organising committee and especially to Mike for providing his field and equipment yet again.

SAM SMITH

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Glaucoma website offers a free service with up-to-date news and information

THE *www.glaucoma-association.com* website is a comprehensive source of up-to-date news and information about glaucoma, and is provided as a free service by the International Glaucoma Association (IGA).

The IGA is a patient-based organisation which works to prevent glaucoma blindness by providing information, literature and advice.

It provides support to thousands of glaucoma sufferers and is a UK-based non-governmental organisation, and a charity registered in Wales and England.

It is committed to preventing unnecessary loss of sight through the condition, which is one of the most common eye disorders.

It arranges meetings in the UK which are open to all, twice a year, and provides a regular newsletter to members and their friends, as well as overseeing a network of support groups and fund research into the causes and treatment of glaucoma. The results are then distributed to interested parties.

National Glaucoma Awareness Week runs from June 8-14.

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All Saints' pupils study glories of the natural world

ABOVE: These pupils enjoyed their outdoor learning experience.

BELOW: With their eyes covered, the pupils were encouraged to use their other senses in the woods.

THE Key Stage 1 pupils of All Saints Primary School have once again been exploring their outdoor learning environment with a visit to Cwm Talwg Woods.

Led by Sheena O'Leary, the Forestry Commission's education ranger, the year-2 pupils enjoyed a minibeast hunt and studied a range of habitats.

They collected various living things and observed them in magnified pots, before carefully releasing them.

They enjoyed role play and creative activities to reinforce their learning.

The year-1 pupils enjoyed a lesson in 'Forest senses', during which they used their eyes, ears, noses and hands to explore the woodland environment.

All the pupils had an important lesson in conservation and the importance of observing and caring for the natural world.

Teachers Mrs Martin and Mrs Johnson thanked Sheena for once again enhancing the children's scientific studies in such an interesting and memorable way.

ROAD WORKS

Dock View Road at its junction with Thompson Street, Barry – ongoing temporary traffic signals, to allow construction work on the adjacent footbridge over the railway line.

The Ty Hafan Run takes place at Barry Island on Sunday, May 31 – Station Approach road (between Breaksea Drive and Friars Road), Friars Road (between Station Approach and Paget Road) and Paget Road (between the un-named road that leads to the sports ground and its cul-d-sac end) will be closed to vehicles between 7.30am-1pm.

Various roads in Llantwit Major town centre – will be closed between 8am-6pm, on Saturday, June 20, for the Victorian fayre.

Consultation on land at Penarth

VALE residents are to be given the opportunity to comment on how the land surrounding the Severn Estuary should be managed in years to come.

Interested parties will be able to put their views across at a consultation meeting which will take place at the Paget Rooms in Penarth on Wednesday, June 10, from 2pm-6pm.

There is no registration process and you can simply turn-up on the day to have your say.

Issues to be discussed at the Paget Rooms include coping with possible future floods and coastal erosion on and around the Severn Estuary.

The event will be hosted by the Severn Estuary Coastal Group (SECG) in partnership with the Vale Council and the Environment Agency.

St Hilary church Handel concert

THIS year is the 250th anniversary of the death of the great composer George Frederick Handel.

To mark the occasion, St Hilary church choir, together with students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, will be performing some of his best-known compositions, on Sunday, June 7, at 7pm.

Handel left his native Hanover and settled in Britain, where he composed most of his best known music for the King, and his successor George II.

The programme reflects Handel's huge and varied output, with music for solo soprano, choir, harp, organ, flute and brass.

Tickets can be obtained from Sorrentos, 67 High Street, Cowbridge; The Parish Office, Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge (01446 772302); or from choir member Christopher Mowat on 01446 771601.

'The Marriage Course' is free and could put you back on the right road!

A new course is about to begin in the Vale aimed at helping at couples who want to make their relationships stronger.

The Marriage Course is being held in Sigingstone and is in conjunction with Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge.

Jan Whitehead, who is running the course with her husband Mark, told The GEM: "Although national statistics show marriage breakdown stands at one in three, if we work at our relationships, we can make them work.

"The course comprises seven weekly sessions of approximately two and a half hours.

"Each evening starts with a meal, and this is followed by a talk, after which each couple has an opportunity to discuss the things they have heard.

"The discussion period involves couples working on their own and is confidential"

Jan added: "The course provides an opportunity to learn how to make marriages stronger.

"In the past, the course has been attended by couples who have been married for two years up to 42 years."

The course, which starts on Monday, June 8, is free, but people can make a donation at the end of the course if they wish.

Jan and Mark Whitehead can be contacted on 01446 776446.

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Readers' Letters

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MP's local survey on M4 link was 'highly selective'

I WARMLY welcome John Smith's announcement that he will publish a full account of his maximum claim for MP's 'Additional Costs Allowance' "as soon as practicable".

Such transparency is to be commended. However, it is not his personal expenses that concern me as much as the MP's Communications Allowance.

Mr Smith's attempts to sway the decision of the Assembly's Deputy First Minister over the route of a possible new airport access road (which is none of his concern) by the conduct of a highly selective 'survey' which excluded any constituents likely to give him an answer he didn't want to hear, was an abuse of the democratic process.

His claim of "overwhelming, 93 per cent support" for a direct link between the M4 and his cherished military academy, as published in The GEM last December, arose from his use of public money to print and distribute 14,000 survey forms within a Barry area judged likely to provide him with the results he wanted – while ignoring the majority of his constituents in areas actually affected by the decision.

According to his office, only 550 forms were returned, and while they have the nerve to tell us five months later that results are still coming in, so far a mere 3.5 per cent of those 14,000 people surveyed have indicated any support whatsoever for a direct link road to the M4 to serve both the Airport and the Defence Academy, as he claimed.

Mr Smith will not, of course, be contesting the next election. We trust that it will be practicable to examine communications allowance invoices before he steps down.

Ruth Rees, Pendoylan

Bad parking is still a major problem

IN reply to the letter of May 21 entitled 'beware jumping to conclusions', I and others, I am sure, regret that the writer suffers from arthritis of the knees and hip

However, in defence of the person who left the note under the windscreen (which I hasten to add was not myself) he or she could not possibly have known of the writer's problem if it was not indicated on the car.

I expect he or she, like myself, is fed up with people taking up two spaces in a car park. I generally use Filco in Cowbridge, which has a small car park and the number of times I have had to withdraw from the car park and find another parking spot because of thoughtless people taking up two spaces, is numerous.

While on the subject of parking in Filco Cowbridge, the management has organised the car park so that cars can now come in and out at the same time by painting a long yellow box down one side of the entrance/exit.

Some people still park there, and also on the yellow box on the side of Filco when the car park is full.

I agree with the writer, however, that some drivers do park too close to the next bay; but please do not 'jump to conclusions' about the person who was unaware of medical problems.

Carole Golden, Aberthin

Llantwit in transition

AS Llantwit Major is a 'Transition Town', now is the time to become more self-sufficient as the oil runs out and we need to conserve our resources.

Come along to see what can be done at local events: The school fete at St Illtyds, Llantwit, on June 6, from 10am – and the Llantwit Victorian Fayre Day on June 20. Find our stall and look out for the Transition Llantwit banner.

The showing of 'Age of Stupid' at Llantonian Hall in the evening of July 23, shows how things cannot continue as they are.

Chris Ellerton (01446 794742)

MORE LETTERS IN NEXT WEEK'S GEM

Llangan Primary School takes trophy in Rotary tournament

SIX primary school teams took part in the Rotary 7-A-side football competition on May 21.

This is now the second year that Cowbridge Rotary Club has sponsored this event.

The final was between Llangan County Primary School and St David's/Colwinston Church in Wales Primary School.

The result was 2-0 to Llangan School.

The Rotary club of Cowbridge is grateful to the staff of St David's/Colwinston Church in Wales Primary School for organising the competition.

The teams competing were: St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School, Llancarfan Primary School, Llangan Primary School (winners), Llansannor Church in Wales Primary School, St David's Church in Wales Primary School (Colwinston), Peterston-Super-Ely Primary School.

RIGHT: Jonathan Harvey, captain of the winning team with the Rotary Winners' shield.

BELOW: The teams from Llangan and St Davids line up for the final.

Work to start on new Vale health centre

PREPARATORY work for the new Cowbridge Health Centre has begun.

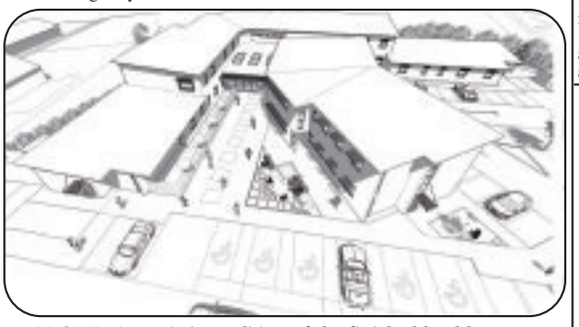
The work includes new road alignment, as well as drainage, street lighting and junction improvements to create a suitable infrastructure for the new health centre, and is planned to take around 22 weeks.

The work will be carried out by the Vale Council's highways maintenance department in conjunction with Brackley Investments.

Once the preparatory work is complete, the construction will begin. The centre will be built next to Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Coun Geoff Cox, Vale Council cabinet member for visible and building services, said: "I am particularly happy that our in-house highway construction team are working in partnership with Brackley Investments on this project."

Coun Anthony Ernest, cabinet member for leisure and tourism, said: "I am pleased that this scheme will enhance the car parking facilities at Cowbridge Leisure Centre, and that there will be minimal disruption to the normal routine of the leisure centre during the construction works."



ABOVE: An artist's rendition of the finished health centre.

Demand soars for council houses

THE number of people waiting for a 'council' house in the Vale has increased by almost 2,000 over the past year.

At March 31 last year, the Vale had 4,658 people on its social housing waiting list but in May, just over 13 months later, the figure has soared to 6,353.

Figures are rising all over the country as people have their homes repossessed and find themselves needing social housing.

There are also increases in the number of people being evicted from private rented accommodation because of financial problems and rising unemployment.

The council has also reported a slight increase in people classed as homeless. Last year there were 155 cases but this year the figure stands at 163 people whom the council have accepted they have a permanent duty to re-house.

People are often placed in bed and breakfast accommodation as they wait for housing to become available.

Community AGM

THE AGM of the St Nicholas (Barry) Community Association will be held at St Nicholas Hall, Barry, on Friday, June 12, at 6.30pm.

All interested persons and members of organisations using the hall are welcome. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

For further information or hire of the main hall or the smaller basement room at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry, telephone the booking clerk on 01446 739212.

Welsh councils accused of buying Dutch daffs!

A MAJOR Welsh business has criticised Welsh councils for failing to support it.

The Really Welsh company, which was set up in 2005, grows crops in Llantwit Major and other sites throughout the Vale and further afield.

These include daffodils, daffodil bulbs, leeks and cauliflowers.

In a letter to Llantwit Major Town Council, Richard Arnold said that the firm was established with the aim of bringing back leek and daffodil growing to Wales, and to restore its two iconic, national crops to the country.

He explained that until then, almost all the daffodils sold in Wales as flowers or bulbs came from Cornwall, Lincolnshire or even Holland, with the leeks grown in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

He went on: "It's been an uphill struggle, but in 2009 we've achieved record crops of both lines and we now need to get retailers to stock them."

He reported that they had contacted a number of Welsh county councils and local authorities, but only four had agreed to buy small quantities of daffodils.

He said: "In short, it was a disaster.

"Most either never replied to our letters and phone calls, or said they were happy to go on purchasing from Holland or Cornwall.

"Some said they never plant daffodils – which we found the saddest of all."

Mr Arnold said that in Wales, the company had some of the best land for growing bulbs in Europe.

"We aim to rotate the crops responsibly so we will not see tired land producing tiny bulbs, as you do from other regions."

Mr Arnold urged Llantwit Major Town Council to support a local enterprise and buy bulbs from them.

"Help us to get Welsh daffodils growing again in Wales, and help keep flower production where it should be, in Wales."

He added that the firm donates five per cent of its profits to charities and good causes in Wales.

The town council agreed to buy a 25kg sack of daffodil bulbs for £20 and get a second one free.

The council has never purchased bulbs before – it usually buys flowers – but these will now be planted around the town.

More information about the company is on its website at www.really-welsh.com

Tom shines in the sun

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

TOM DAVID, 18, of Llanharry, chalked-up his 10th winner of the season before a large crowd, when landing the confined race at the sun baked Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Steeplechases at Lower Machen last Saturday on *Classic Chance*, a nine-year-old bay gelding, owned by Justin Bryant and trained by Margaret Ree at Cowbridge.

Classic Chance, who had won the restricted race over the same course at the Tredegar Farmers meeting on May 10, when ridden by Rhys Hughes, won by 30 lengths from *Casey Tiles* and clocked exactly the same time - 6 mins 8 secs - as when winning on that occasion. This was *Classic Chance's* third win over the course and his winning connections said: "He's a bit of a monkey but the blinkers have done the trick".

Former hurdler *Canndar*, owned by a Cardiff Golf Club syndicate, and trained by Aberthin's Abbi Vaughan, had an easy win in the young horse maiden race.

Confidently ridden by Rhys Hughes, who like Tom David is attached to Tim Vaughan's yard, Canndar won by a distance from *Cutlass Silver,* ridden by Tom David, after drawing well clear three fences from the finish.

Bargoed's John Lewis Llewellyn, took the members' race on Jason Parfitt's *Find It Out* and in doing so reached his half century. Llewellyn, 38, has won 35 races under rules and a further 15 between-the-flags. In the mixed open race, *Makena,* a 25-1 chance, partnered by Alan Johns, won by two and a half lengths from the fancied *Red Man* ridden by John Norman.

Robert Reddaway's *Fairly Glorious,* from the Eggesford Hunt in Devon, landed a huge gamble in the confined race after being backed from 7-1 to 2-1 favourite. Well ridden by Sam Allwood, the eight-year-old bay gelding won by a length from the fast finishing *Merthyrmawr.*

Meanwhile, many years ago, as a young lad, I was walking down Wharton Street in Cardiff with my father, when who should be walking towards us was the legendary boxer Jimmy Wilde. Jimmy, who was dubbed 'The ghost with a hammer in his hand' and 'The Tylorstown Terror', shook my hand after my father had introduced me to him.

Last week, I not only got to shake the hand of another Welsh boxing legend but I also got to interview him. I am talking about the undefeated world boxing champion, Joe Calzaghe.

Joe was in Mill Lane, Cardiff's Cafe Quarter as a guest of his personal friend Giovanni Malacrino, where he had the honour of having a new blend of coffee named after him.

Joe, who was accompanied by his partner Jo-Emma Larvin, a model and actress, said: "Giovanni is determined to make this part of Cardiff world famous as a cafe quarter and rid it of its binge drinking reputation."

He told me that he does a lot of charity work now, but still manages a few days a week in the gym. Mr Malacrino said he wants to attract couples and families to the cafe quarter, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year.

He added: "Mill Lane has gone through three years of redevelopment, but I am confident that we have a cafe quarter as good as anywhere in the UK, and perhaps one day it will be known all over the world."

MIXED WEEK FOR MURCH BOWLERS

THE ladies of the Murch Bowling Club continued their good form, winning the only game in the week against Fairwater in a two-rink Evening League game.

Both rinks registered wins, the one skipped by Belinda Price by 22-7, while skip Gloria Perry's rink were 17-13 to the good.

The double rinks game against Windsor Penarth was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. With a shortage of matches, the ladies, as an alternative, arranged a trip to Abergavenny and Usk for an enjoyable day out.

The Murch men also won one game, but unfortunately, lost three. The winning game was against Pontycymmer in a Welsh Club Championship game, by an overall score of 72-68.

Three Murch rinks recorded wins. Skip Roger Mauchline 23-14, skip Colin Garland 18-14 and skip John Evans 20-18. Skip Harry Guppy's quarter went down 11-22.

The 'A' team travelled to Barry for a South Vale 'A' Team Cup match against Barry Romilly 'A' and were heavily defeated 103-55. Captain Terry Mayor managed to skip his rink to a 16-13 win, but defeats by 14-25, 19-27 and 6-38 in the rinks skipped by Bernard Toozer, Frank Maunder and Graham Russell respectively, saw the Murch team soundly defeated.

In a mid-week Munro Cup game Murch entertained fellow villagers, Dinas Powys Bowls Club, where in a cordial atmosphere the visitors triumphed by 74-61. The rinks skipped by Harry Guppy and Roger Mauchline were narrowly defeated by one and two shots respectively.

Colin Garland's rink succumbed 12-23, while skip John Evans, ably supported by Ray Golding, Derek Davies and Ian Robinson won on the last end by two shots and one overall to record a solitary rink victory.

A friendly three-rink game against Whitchurch resulted in a 12-shot win for the Cardiff side. Skip Pay Haye's rink were sole winners 16-10, Bob Marsh's four lost 7-22, while Alan Savage's four went down 12-15.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

New Archdeacon

A REMINDER that the licensing service for the Venerable Peggy Jackson will be at Saint Cadoc's, Llancarfan, on Monday June 1. The service will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by a reception at the village hall

Irish night

THERE are still tickets available for the Irish night at the village hall in Llancarfan on Saturday, May 30, starting at 7.30pm

There will be a traditional Irish supper and music. Tickets are £12.50 and are available from Joann Scott-Quelch (01446 781366), Kay Brain (01446 781080) or any member of the Llancarfan Book Club. All proceeds will go towards the wall paintings appeal.

Llancarfan society

VARIOUS events are scheduled by the society over the next months, the first of which is a treasure hunt (on foot) in Llancarfan. Entry forms will be available at the village hall from 6.15pm on Tuesday June 2, with the event starting at 6.30pm.

Entry is £1 (children under 11 admitted free). All entries must be back at the hall by 8.30pm and prizes will be given to the first and second highest scoring persons or family. Winners will be announced on June 5.

Petanque

THE Ruth Watts Memorial competition will take place at the Village Petanque Piste on Sunday June 28 starting at 1.30pm. Entry is £1 per head, with teams of 3.

No safari for depleted Lions

THROUGHOUT the years, if you were to ask any of the top New Zealanders who were the toughest opponents they had faced, they would probably answer South Africa, especially in their own backyard.

You can therefore appreciate the huge task that awaits Ian McGeechan's 2009 Lions, who hope to emulate the successful 1997 tourists.

As head coach in 1997, McGeechan is fully aware of what it takes to beat the Boks, but he no longer has Jim Telfer to lean on.

Also, while the '97 Lions suffered their share of injuries on tour, losing the likes of Scott Quinell, Rob Howley and Laurence Dallaglio among others, this current crop of Lions have been hit hard before they leave these shores.

Picking a big physical pack was always going to be a priority, but the loss of Jerry Flannery looks particularly unfortunate with the South Africans sure to concentrate on disrupting the scrum.

At prop, the Lions boast the world player of the year in Welshman Gethin Jenkins, and have strength in depth in terms of experience with Adam Jones, Andrew Sheridan, Phil Vickery and Euan Murray.

Second row is also pretty solid with skipper O'Connell nailing one spot, leaving O'Callaghan, Shaw and Wyn-Jones to fight for the other, with the uncompromising Shaw my bet to give a steely edge to try and tie in Matfield.

In my view, the best the Lions front five can hope for is parity, so I expect the South African back row to gain an edge which will be crucial to the outcome of the Tests.

On Six Nations form, David Wallace looks a certain starter despite the presence of Martin Williams, fellow Irishman Jamie Heaslip at No 8 and either Worsley or Croft at six, but with Schalke Burger and any other two from five, I fear the Boks will dominate this area to pressure the Lions into mistakes.

At half-back the Lions may regret not taking Dwayne Peel. Phillips is strong and Blair and Ellis have the corgi-like styles of conventional scrum-halves, but Peel has a mixture of both, with a superb pass even under pressure and the ability to lift the tempo of a game.

I am relieved to see the selectors have gone for Hook, as three outside-halves are needed, with O'Gara's suspect defensive frailties sure to be noted by the South African coaches.

The most glaring omission in my mind is Gordon D'Arcy at inside centre. Good centre play requires a partnership and D'Arcy and O'Driscoll is one of the best in international rugby.

I hope the Lions don't try to 'bish bosh' down the centre, as they will play into South Africa's hands if they do. The Lions desperately need Shane Williams firing on all cylinders, with Bowe and Byrne to make an all-Ospreys back three for the Test if they can stay injury free.

They will have to be fit and on top form to cope with Habana and co.

While the Lions will be looking at six warm-up games, the Boks will be using these games as a war of attrition, like the old Zulu chief using his warriors to find the strength and weaknesses of the enemy.

Another advantage the home side may have is the referee, or more importantly, the referees' interpretations.

Yes, they are neutrals and honest men, but Bryan Lawrence (in charge of the first Test in Durban) is a New Zealander used to southern hemisphere rugby, as is Australia's Stuart Dickinson who will referee the third Test in Jo'Burg.

The second Test in Pretorius will be whistled by Christophe Berdos, and usually anything goes with a French ref in the middle.

Head over heart says a 3-0 Bokwash by the South Africans, who have been waiting 12 years to exact revenge.

DAVID GRIFFITHS
(Llantwit Major rugby correspondent)

Lili Marlene, a song that really has a story to tell

ARMED Forces Day in Bridgend county borough will be marked by a unique event – the premiere of a new production tracing the history of the famous wartime song 'Lili Marlene'.

The show opens in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, but it will also be performed free of charge in Bridgend Recreation Centre after the Veterans' Parade on Armed Forces Day (June 27).

The theatre group, Teflonstage AG, hopes that the Porthcawl production will raise money for local veterans.

The show, entitled *Lili*, tells the story of 'Lili Marlene' – a song banned by Adolf Hiter's henchman, Josef Goebbels, which went on to become a worldwide hit.

The show will be staged on two nights (June 19-20). Anthony Childs-Cutler, co-producer of *Lili*, told The GEM: "The response has been very encouraging, with support from right across the borough.

"One sponsor summed up support for this show by saying, 'I'm more than happy to do something for veterans after what they've done for me.'

"Oscar Fovarge has written a thought-provoking but also highly entertaining piece, and all involved are local."

Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones said: "It will always be very important to remember all those from so many parts of the world who fought in British Forces during the Second World War and other conflicts. I am honoured to give my full support to this event"

Major Wayne Morgan MBE, the chairman of the Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion and the Bridgend County Borough Veterans Association said: "The production of *Lili* during Armed Forces Week gives Bridgend a unique opportunity to show the nation its positive support and huge regard for its veteran community".

Teflonstage's production tells the remarkable story of 'Lili Marlene', a song instantly disliked by Josef Goebbels and other senior Nazis when it was first released in Germany just before the outbreak of World War II.

Played in error three years later by German Forces Radio Belgrade, the banned song became such an instant hit with soldiers in the field that Field Marshal Rommel demanded it be played before sign-off every night.

The singer, Lale Andersen, went from little-known cabaret singer to overnight sensation.

Author Oscar Fovarges says: "The song portrayed everything that the Nazis disliked and everything the common soldier and his loved ones craved. The story of 'Lili Marlene' demonstrates that even the most callous leaders could not quell the common humanity of their citizens.

"Soldiers, their sweethearts and mothers wrote in their millions to Lale Andersen to express their gratitude. Many of the letters were addressed quite simply to 'Lili Marlene', c/o Radio Belgrade".

British frontline soldiers in North Africa heard the haunting tune and even crept up on enemy positions to hear it all the better. In the ebb and flow of the desert campaign captured copies of the recording became valuable items.

When members of the Eighth Army sang the song – in German! – while on leave in the UK, members of the public objected, only to be told by the soldiers that this was their song, they'd earned it the hard way, and they'd sing any song in any language they pleased.

The Dance Music Policy Committee was then called upon to to decide whether the British government would ban the song or co-opt it. There were by this time so many soldiers' versions current that banning it would have been a lost cause.

Meanwhile back in Germany, the original singer Lale Andersen incurred Goebbels' wrath by refusing to sing the song with different lyrics for propaganda purposes.

She also refused to entertain in the Warsaw Ghetto and refused to cut links with her Jewish friends abroad. Goebbels banned her public performances and placed her under house arrest.

Carmen-Litta Andersen, Lale Andersen's daughter and best-selling biographer of her mother, has sent messages of support from Canada to the veterans of the Bridgend area and to the cast of the show.

She said: "My mother always believed that British radio broadcasts saved my mother's life. They claimed that my mother had been sent to a camp or committed suicide. Goebbels was then obliged to keep her alive."

Lili also recounts the stories of other famous singers of the time who sang English versions of 'Lili Marlene' as well as other hits of the period. Stage portraits include Vera Lynn, Marlene Dietrich, Anne Shelton and Zarah Leander.

However, as Anthony Childs-Cutler states: "One of these divas was a spy, and possibly a double agent. But we don't want to ruin the suspense. If anyone wants to know who it is they should come and see the show."

Tickets (£9.50 (concessions £2) are available from the Grand Pavilion box office (01656 815995 or via www.grandpavilion.co.uk.

On June 27, The Veterans' Parade will start at Bridgend Recreation Centre at 10.30am, and the march will reach the Cenotaph in time for 11am.

It will return to Bridgend Recreation Centre, where a buffet is to be provided at 12.30pm, followed by a performance of the show at 12.45pm.

Bryn inspires Natalya in her bid to bring Cardiff Singer of the World title home to Wales

by DON JOHN

WHEN soloists from 25 nations take to the stage in the prestigious Cardiff Singer of the World competition, which starts on June 6, flying the flag for Wales will be Natalya Romaniw – following in the footsteps of her illustrious compatriot Bryn Terfel, in more ways than one.

For the young Swansea student will face the daunting challenge straight from studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as did operatic superstar Bryn 20 years ago.

Though he narrowly missed out on the overall crown in an epic vocal tussle with Russian baritone rival, Dmitri Hvorostovsky, the judges awarded him the coveted Lieder Prize (now renamed the Song Prize).

The Welsh star took time out during rehearsals at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden to recall the occasion and give Natalya some useful tips when facing the judges.

He told her: "Remember that your performance starts the moment you walk on to that stage, so have a big smile on your face – and, above all, keep hydrated.

"You will be doing so many rehearsals, interviews, and then the performances. Just keep on drinking water; keep it in your bag and drink it whenever you can.

"I had never won anything at college," Bryn recalled. "But then I won the Gold Medal there! Cardiff Singer of the World was the first time I had sung with an orchestra."

Natalya stakes her claim for the title of BBC Cardiff Singer of the World at St David's Hall on Wednesday, June 10. The final is at the same venue on Sunday, June 14.

She is also one of those bidding for the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Song Prize at the New Theatre, with that final taking place at St David's Hall on Saturday, June 13.

ABOVE: Natalya with Bryn Terfel.

After her pep talk with Bryn, a clearly-inspired Natalya said: "It is really busy now. I have a table of how many days are left! I have my final recital at the Guildhall (*today, May 28*) which is part of my degree, and then I finish.

"In the recital, I am incorporating songs from the competition, so it will be kind of like a mock run." She was accompanied at the meeting by another competitor, Ji-Min from Seoul, South Korea, who explained that he did not want to miss the chance to meet one of his heroes.

"It is one of my dreams to sing in BBC Cardiff Singer of the World. I bought a DVD of the competition and I have listened to it hundreds of times. I listen to it every day," he added.

The 25 singers taking part were selected from more than 600 aspirants who were auditioned worldwide.

The judging panel, headed by Welsh National Opera's Director, John Fisher, will this year include the legendary Dame Gwyneth Jones, Kurt Moll, Giacomo Aragall, Ann Murray, and the conductor Richard Bonynge.

BBC Cardiff Singer of the World takes place from June 6 -14. Tickets from New Theatre, Cardiff: 029 2087 8889, St David's Hall, Cardiff 029 2087 8444, or online at www.stdavidshall.co.uk

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(Closing Date is Friday, June 5).

No correspondence will be entered into, and judge's decision is final. Good luck!

ABOVE: You could be sleeping with the sharks if you win this great competition!

Glowing praise and AA rosette for Vale Resort

THE Vale Resort at Hensol has been awarded a top AA score and new AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant.

The Resort has achieved an 82 per cent AA merit rating out of a maximum 85 per cent within the four star rating band. Its contemporary restaurant, the Vale Grill, achieves its first AA rosette under the supervision of head chef James Bumpass, who has set out to source only Welsh ingredients in his menus.

The resort's general manager, Ben Danielsen joined the Leeke family owned resort just over a year ago from the award-winning Donnington Valley Hotel and Spa in Newbury and has built an experienced senior management team to set high standards throughout the resort.

He said the Vale had taken very significant steps forward in the past year: "We have moved from a 74 per cent rating up to 82 per cent, which is significant as the maximum merit score for four star hotels is 85 per cent – so we are at the very top end of this market.

"The first hallmark of quality will always be day in day out consistency and that is exactly what we seek to provide at the Vale and is ratified by these top ratings.

"It is an acknowledgement from the leading independent quality assessor that we are doing great things at the Vale and gives a boost at a time when the news pages are filled with stories about a distressed economy and the impacts of the recession.

Ben Danielsen at the new AA Rosette restaurant, the Vale Grill.

"Our aim is to provide a personal and excellent service and connect on an emotional level with our guests. Too often large hotels do not provide that – our aim is for guests to have an experience that is custom made for them as individuals. With the scope and range of facilities here – we can do that well.

"The Vale's new Grill restaurant was going from strength to strength," he commented.

"We are particularly delighted with the awarding of an AA rosette for the Vale Grill, thanks to the quality and creativity being infused into our food offer here under the guidance of head chef James Bumpass.

"In the last year, we have focused on using locally sourced Welsh products and to keep our menus, and food service, simple, fresh, mouthwatering and only using high quality ingredients.

"We want to be part of the growing food culture in Wales and by supporting Welsh producers can help promote the very best that our nation has to offer.

"James and his team have worked hard to secure consistency in the kitchen and credit must also go to the highly professional service team in the Grill, who ensure guests enjoy good food and wine in a contemporary and comfortable setting.

"Hospitality is all down to team work. Without the fantastic efforts from the team in front of house and back house, from reservation to administration, from housekeeping to kitchen porters, this would not have happened.

"The decision was made early last year to create an individual experience for the guests and together the team has delivered this and we are all delighted."

Out and About with The GEM

Midsummer party - by order of St John!

THE Order of St John in the Vale present their annual concert in the marquee at Dyffryn Gardens on Thursday, June 11.

By popular request there will be a return visit of the South Wales Police Band, which will perform the spectacular ceremony of *Beating Retreat* at sunset.

Spokesman Basil Watkins said: "There will be the usual succulent finger buffet, licensed bar and raffle. Ticket price is £15 and both individuals and parties can be catered for. Doors open at 6.30pm.

"The proceeds will be used to support the work of the St John Ambulance. There are 133 members of the Brigade in the Vale, from the age of six to 66 and in their black and white uniforms they can be seen at local sporting and agricultural events, as well as manning the First Aid Centre and Safety Boat at Barry Island during the summer months.

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SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

GIVEN Ben Stiller's predilection for 'grown-up' comedy in the likes of *Tropic Thunder*, *Starsky and Hutch* and *Dodgeball*, his recent output has seen move into more child-friendly waters in the likes of animated film *Madagascar* and its sequel, and *Night At The Museum*, the follow-up of which, subtitled Battle of the Smithsonian, is his latest.

Stiller reprises his role as night museum guard Larry, who is forced to infiltrate the titular Washington museum to rescue the Natural History museum displays – who have been moved as part of an overhaul of their present home.

Forced to call upon the help of the displays that came to life in the last film, along with many new ones, Larry faces a race against time when one of the Smithsonian displays – the evil Egyptian prince Kahmunrah (Hank Azaria) – sets his sights on the tableau that brings the exhibits to life...

As far as sequels go, the decision to make one for *Night At The Museum* seemed to be based on financial, rather than creative, reasons. After all, the original was a serviceable, undemanding film that offered spectacle and laughs for the younger viewer, but didn't really satisfy the older cinemagoer.

Given that this sequel appeared to be offering more of the same, it wasn't the most highly anticipated of releases, yet remarkably, *Battle of the Smithsonian* is a marked improvement on its predecessor and makes for an all round entertaining watch.

What makes it superior to the first film is the decision to ramp up the comedic aspect of the film and not pander to its younger audience. Certainly there are touches that pay mind to them, the inclusion of the Jonas brothers as singing cherubs for example, but the onus is on getting humour from the actors first and foremost.

Reading like a who's-who of comic actors, the cast certainly don't lack experience in comedic roles and deliver performances ranging from the sublime to the good. Ben Stiller may have to play more of a straight man than usual here, helping to set up the laughs rather than executing them, but he still offers a decent performance.

The script may not give him much to go on, but his chemistry with the rest of the cast means he makes a satisfactory lead, sparking with the likes of Owen Wilson, Steve Coogan and Robin Williams.

The best two performances come from newcomers to the *Museum*, in Amy Adams and Hank Azaria. The latter, whose vocal work on *The Simpsons* has been consistently top drawer, is to my mind a hugely underrated comedic performer, and he shows here just how good he is, tucking into the role of Kahmunrah with zealous relish.

Playing for laughs rather than any real villainy, he takes great delight in playing the bad guy as a pantomime villain, his lisping voice and demand to be taken seriously adding to the comedy.

As Amelia Earhart, Amy Adams is the equal of Azaria's performance, delivering a turn that is full of verve and spark, while never overplaying it. The skilled actress fills her performance with sassy dialogue and 'have-a-go' spirit that adds life to the film.

Sparking nicely with Stiller, it is her lively performance, along with Azaria's, that really highlights the difference between this film and the last one; the same spectacle, but allied with genuinely funny performances and touches.

The script, by Robert Ben Garant and Thomas Lennon, also addresses that issue, swapping the heist-like story in the first film for a more straightforward rescue mission – albeit with a difference - that is much more satisfying.

By concentrating on the characters that worked in the original, and casting those that didn't to the background (farewell Attila the Hun), they work up something that increases the enjoyment and gets rid of the deadwood.

The third act moralising may feel a touch tacked on, but then given the target audience, it is merely a necessary evil rather than there for the sake of it.

Having directed the interminable likes of *Cheaper By The Dozen*, *Just Married* and *The Pink Panther*, Shawn Levy's directorial abilities come under a high level of scrutiny, and he offers up little here that will see his stock rise upwards. While he doesn't disgrace himself to the level of those previously mentioned films, there is little in his direction that really stands out.

The film is well shot and the few moments of action are assembled with almost cookie cutter precision, yet Levy seems happy enough to rely on the abilities of his cast rather than attempt to imbue the film with any personality, the result being a decently directed film rather than a great one; however, the strong cast see it through, delivering a satisfying and pleasurable piece of work.

VERDICT – An entertaining, if ultimately slight, work, *Night At The Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* not only hits its target audience square on, but also offers up enough for those not in the age range with comic gusto. A good cast, with Amy Adams and Hank Azaria as stand-outs, help make a film that is worth a watch. *Enjoyable.*

D-Day remembrance

THE Royal British Legion (Barry Branch) mark the 65th anniversary of D-Day, by a service and wreath-laying at the Cenotaph, Barry Memorial Hall, on Saturday, June 6, at 11am.

Any organisation or individual who requires a wreath to lay at the service may telephone the Poppy Appeal organiser on 01446 710901. The public are welcome to attend the service.

School fete

MAES DYFAN SCHOOL, Gibbonsdown Road, Barry, will be holding a summer fete on Friday, June 5, starting at 12.30pm, to launch its new play area.

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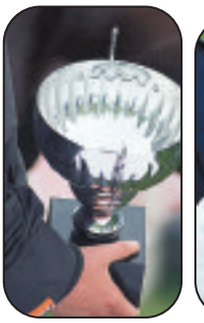

LOCAL riders Nick Williams and James Tudor both rode winners at the Countryside Alliance Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bonvilston on Bank Holiday Monday.

However, it was Pembrokeshire's Kyle Yates, 20, who stole the day's riding honours with a first-ever double with *Manormouse* (restricted) and *Holmwood Legend* (intermediate).

Tudor, riding *Musique En Tete,* trained by his cousin Jonathan Tudor and owned by The WhiteBirdPryor Group (namely Jeffrey Bird, Colin White and Victoria Prior) jumped the last two lengths ahead of Iron Bay to take the open maiden race and Williams, standing in for the injured John Mathias, won the men's open on the odds-on favourite *Misamon,* who had five lengths to spare over *Esters Boy* at the finish.

Musique En Tete, a nine-year-old chestnut gelding, had been runner-up in his last three starts but ironically, with the season nearly over, Jonathan's horses are just starting to find their form!

The French-bred *Misamon*, who was winning for the third time this season, is owned by The Supreme Racing Club, headed by west Wales National Hunt trainer Dai Rees, and trained by Kristal Harris.

ManorMouse is owned by Adrian Simpson, who thinks a lot of this six-year-old bay gelding by *Luso*. Prominent throughout, *ManorMouse* drew clear three fences from home to win by five lengths from *Treasured Coin*.

Handler Beverley Thomas says *ManorMouse* could be her last winner as a trainer as she will not be involved in the training of point-to-pointers next season.

Mrs Janet Underwood's *Holmwood Legend*, a 1,600 guineas buy at Ascot three years ago, had his task made easier when the odds-on favourite *Micks Prospect* fell at the first fence.

A real old-fashioned type of steeplechaser, this eight-year-old son of *Midnight Legend* finished a distance ahead of the only other finisher – in a field of six – *Danny's Last*. Trained by Mrs Underwood's son David, *Holmwood Legend* had finished second in his previous two starts.

Ruth Birt Llewellin, riding her father's 14-year old *Usk Valley* – the oldest horse in the six runner field – came late on the scene to win the club members' novice riders' race by three lengths from the pacemaking *Verchoyles Lad* with the favourite *Up The Boreen* a further one-and-a-half lengths back in third spot.

Bought at Ascot four years ago for 3,500 guineas, *Usk Valley* gave his 23-year-old rider her third success to date.

In the ladies' open race, the Sally Thomas owned and trained Cotswold Vale Farmers invader *Noadibou*, a former inmate of Evan Williams's Llancarfan yard, opened up a 4-6 odds-on favourite but drifted to 7-4 to share favouritism with *Chandlers Cross*.

The latter, partnered by Lucy Pearce Rowsell, actually led at the last but the giant *Noadibou* – he's 17.1hh – ran on strongly to win by an official length with *Colorado Storm*, the early leader, a further two lengths back in third place.

BRIAN LEE

Vale Karate see success on the European stage

BUSY weekends are the norm for Vale Karate and Wales was one of 44 nations who participated in European Karate's biggest recently.

The Dom Sportiva in Zagreb, Croatia, was the venue for the 44th Senior European Karate championships.

Vale Karate Kumite coach Gareth Reynolds was in the squad, competing in both the Mens - 67Kg category and as a member of the Welsh Men's team.

Unfortunately, Gareth could not progress in the individual event, beaten by Belgium's number one Salah Mesnaoui, by a 1-0 score.

Gareth redeemed himself in the team event, winning his bout in the Wales vs Switzerland first round match by a score of 4-0. However, Wales could not progress, as Switzerland won three bouts to Wales' two.

Closer to home on Sunday, Vale Karate sent competitors to two competitions 130 miles apart, with the Vale's younger competitors dominating both events.

At the AMA Southern Championships in Reading, nine-year-old Chloe Fry, newly crowned as the Vale of Glamorgan's Junior Female 'Sports Personality of The Year' ,underlined the reasons she earned that award by winning her fifth and sixth individual titles of 2009, beating team-mate Kloe Christoforato in the finals of each of the under-10 Kata and Kumite events.

Kloe, a year younger at just eight, has reached the podium no fewer than 12 times already this year, and is improving rapidly.

Luke Davies, still only 14, and Wales' youngest full international, has been lucky enough to be around just when the World and European karate Federations sanctioned international categories for 14 and 15 year olds at this January's Junior European Championships and took his fifth gold medal of the year, winning the Under 16 Kumite event.

Nick Sherrin has matured hugely this year and has already won three Under 12 Kumite titles.

He looked to be on his way to another in Reading.

A close final saw no score, even after the extension. In these circumstances the judges give a decision based on superiority, and although the Vale Karate supporters believed Nick had the upper hand, the judges thought otherwise and Nick was left with the silver medal.

ABOVE: Kloe and Chloe with their trophies.

Bradley Christoforato, although among the best in Britain in the under-12 Kata category, has not yet managed a title this year, as every event he enters features Britain's best youngsters.

He was again unlucky enough to come up against England's top 11-year-old Kieran Nunkoo in the semi-final, with Bradley again earning a bronze medal.

Rob Green won Vale Karate's final medal at the championships.

Rob runs the St Pat's group of clubs within Vale Karate. Equally adept in both competitive aspects of traditional Karate, Kata and Kumite, Rob was beaten by one of England's top young champions Alex Gardner, then won through the repechage rounds to take bronze.

Meanwhile, Carl Peckham who runs Vale Karate's Koryu Karate Club took a few students to the Stafford Open.

Brooklyn Peckham, still only nine-years-old, is among Vale Karate's brightest young prospects and found little opposition on his way to the Kata and Kumite double.

Ryan Page, Lucille Ibisi, Suniah Naeem and Sicelo Biyela also won medals.

ROB COPELAND

Dinas battle to earn point after a poor start

WELSH LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE
DINAS POWYS 0
CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH 0

AN unfortunate incident in the first minute of this game resulted in Cyron Williams being show a yellow card when attempting to play a high ball. He caught Cambrian striker Darren Jones on the face with a boot and he had to be replaced by Shaun Fackrell.

Neither side took control early in the difficult windy conditions, although Dinas' 'keeper Alex Skinner did have to block a shot from Jason Bertorelli in the fifth minute.

Disaster then struck the already depleted Dinas squad when Mark Greedy pulled up with a groin strain and manager Danny Kinsey replaced him.

He soon made his presence felt however, heading down a cross into the path of Ashton Turner, who should have scored but volleyed just wide.

Cambrian's passing was crisper and they were keeping the ball better without really troubling the Dinas defence who were all in fine form, especially Chris Ashley and Cyron Williams.

Dinas were then dealt a second blow when Nathan Hosgood had to leave the field with a slight hamstring pull on 35 minutes and he was replaced by reserve team manager Dave O'Gorman!

Rhodri Foote dispossessed Bertorelli and raced down the left wing, but was hacked down from behind by Bertorelli who, surprisingly, was not booked but given a warning by the referee.

Cambrian had their chances and with five minutes of the half remaining, when Dinas lost possession after a corner, James Mahoney raced to the other end but his powerful shot cleared the cross-bar.

Despite their weakened team, Dinas started the second half well, Keyon Refell beating several players with a fine run and cross down the left, but the Cambrian defence managed to clear the danger.

As the half wore on Dinas came more under pressure and Rhodri Foote was adjudged to have tripped Scot Seldon in the box.

Dane Williams took the spot kick but, although diving the wrong way, Skinner managed to save with his legs and the ball cleared the cross-bar.

Cambrian then had a succession of corners but the Dinas defence stood firm.

The Villagers luck was also in when William hit a powerful shot which cannoned off a post to safety and Skinner had to make a good save from the same player a minute later.

The visitors frustration began to show and Huw Bowtell was dismissed for violent conduct in the final minute of the game.

So, a good battling point against the odds for Dinas. **PK**

Inspirational teenager gives pupils a lesson in courage

PUPILS at Rhws primary school were recently given an inspirational talk by a teenager whose illness tragically restricted him to playing rugby for just one season.

Alex Evans (15), who has the degenerative condition Ataxia Telangiectasia, shared his love of rugby with year-5 pupils at Rhws after his visit was arranged by teacher Kelly Toshack and Vale Council's rugby development officer Matt Silva.

Alex told how he had played for Beddau RFC under-8s on the wing, just like his hero Shane Williams. He spoke proudly about how he had scored a try on tour in Minehead at the end of his one and only season, before his condition prevented him from taking to the field.

Alex lives with his family in Llantwit Fardre and attends the Ysgol Erw'r Delyn special needs school in Penarth. He first became interested in rugby thanks to his older brothers Matthew and Joshua, and now supports the pair every weekend when they play for Beddau's first and youth teams respectively.

Matt Silva, who is head coach at the club, said: "The way that Alex gets on with his life, in spite of his condition, is an absolute inspiration. He is so passionate about rugby and has given me grief once or twice on the touchline when the team aren't playing too well!"

Alex's presentation to the Rhws pupils climaxed with photos from his proudest day when he achieved his dream of leading out Wales against Canada at the Millennium Stadium in November last year.

Wearing the jersey he was given when Wales mascot last year, rugby fan Alex Evans is pictured with Rhws primary school teacher Kelly Toshack and the Vale Council's rugby development officer Matt Silva.

Alex with the year-5 pupils that he gave a presentation to at Rhws primary school.

Pupils learn to stay secure with Go Safe Gary's advice

CHILDREN at Rhws primary School have been learning about road safety and looking after the environment with a special visit from the Gregory Brothers.

This travelling show performed to the classes and involved pupils of all ages in a variety of songs, dances and rhymes, while teaching the important messages of staying safe and looking after our environment.

The children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed a splendid show and will be singing songs like 'Go Safe Gary' and 'Reuse, Reduce, Recycle' for many months to come!

KB

Year-1 cross a 'road' with Go Safe Gary.

Year-2 children dance to songs.

Cadoxton pipped in final game

CADOXTON FC played their last game of the season at Bryn-y-don with their visitors being Lisvane/Llanishen FC.

Both sides had nothing to win or lose but their pride as they are both mid division in the SWFA Division 2 league.

In the last couple of minutes of the game a streaker ran across the pitch and the referee, Mr Graham Evans, took swift action by showing the person a red card. The individual subsequently disappeared out of the far side of the park.

The final score was 2-1 to Lisvane.

In the Vale of Glamorgan League, Cadoxton finished the season losing 2-1 to Phoenix Construction.

To round off the season Cadoxton FC is to hold its annual Cup Final day function with comedian Jeff Alvey at 1pm,FA Cup final on the big screen and a meal at Caddy Cons on May 30. A football quiz will start the day off at 11am, tickets are available at £5

After languishing in the bottom half of the South Wales FA Division. 2 for some years now, the committee is asking for root and branch changes next year with a fundamental review of the managers and players at this level.

Anyone who would like to manage and bring players to this level of football can contact the chairman, Tony Pugh.

Although the players have enjoyed the season, little was achieved with the exception of manager Richy Rogers getting the Vale of Glamorgan side through to the final of the Dockers Cup at Jenner Park.

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Vale sports personality 2008 award winners

OLYMPIC heroes David Davies and Nicole Cooke have added to their already bulging trophy cabinets by winning the senior male and female honours at the Vale of Glamorgan Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

Organised by the Vale District Sports Council and supported by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, the annual ceremony was held at the Memorial Hall in Barry and hosted by TV presenter Arfon Haines-Davies.

Unfortunately, neither David nor Nicole were able to pick up their awards in person as they are both away training, but David's father Paul and Nicole's mother Denise were proud to collect the trophies on their behalf.

The awards recognised both elite performers who made the headlines during 2008, up and coming future stars, and a number of lesser-known individuals who are making a huge impact on the Vale's sporting scene.

The public were invited to make their nominations for the awards late last year before a judging panel whittled them down to the winners, who received large glass trophies, while the runners-up in each category received smaller glass trophies.

The winners now also have their names engraved on a shield, cementing their place in the Vale's sporting history.

In all, there were 10 award categories, and those celebrating were karate expert Chloe Fry (junior female), Welsh champion gymnast Iwan Mepham (junior male), all-rounder James Savory (disabled sportsperson) and Sandra Mullins, who took the 'unsung hero' title for her dedication to Sully Sports FC and football development in the Vale.

Vale Karate's Rob Copeland was named 'community coach of the year' and was runner-up to experienced gymnastics coach Peter Haysham in the 'performance coach' category.

After establishing itself as the top surf lifesaving club in Wales, Rhoose Lifeguards won the award for 'team of the year', while the enthusiasm of both teachers and pupils at Gwenfo C/W Primary School earned them the 'school of the year' title.

Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council's cabinet member for leisure and tourism, said: "I would like to thank the District Sports Council as the awards evening was a great success, showing the depth of commitment by every finalist to their chosen sport, and it must have been extremely difficult for the judges to select the winners.

"I am very grateful to all those who took part this year, and pay tribute to the contribution made by clubs and individuals to the success of sport throughout the Vale."

Special guest presenters handing out the awards included councillors Gwyn John and Emlyn Williams, chair of the Vale District Sports Council Tony Smith, Chris Franks AM, shooting star Dave Phelps, British swimming's head of disability coaching Billy Pye, and Paralympic swimming legend David Roberts.

Delighted with the evening's success, Tony Smith said: "Everyone who was nominated for an award can be very proud of their achievements. It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge everyone's efforts, and I would also like to thank the award sponsors - the Vale Council, Quasar (Barry Island), Baddeleys Shoe repairs, AF Le Breton & Son and Genero. If any other organisations would like to come forward to support next year's awards, we would love to hear from them."

Results

Senior Male – Winner: David Davies (Olympic silver medal winning swimmer); runners-up: Alan Kerr (triathlon), Ian Le Breton (shooting) and Clinton Purnell (gymnastics).

Senior Female – Winner: Nicole Cooke (Olympic gold medal winning cyclist); runner-up: Natasha Paton (karate).

Junior Male – Winner: Iwan Mepham (gymnastics); runners-up: Rhys Davies (karate) and George Connelly.

Junior Female – Winner: Chloe Fry (karate); runners-up: Lana Evans (surf lifesaving) and Katie Howson (hockey).

School – Winner: Gwenfo C/W Primary School; runners-up: Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School and Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Unsung Hero – Winner: Sandra Mullins (Sully Sports FC); runners-up: Tony Williams (Vale football league) and Rob Shapland (Penarth rifle club).

Community Coach – Winner: Rob Copeland (karate); runners-up: Miff Connelly (rugby union) and Helen Stone (netball and gymnastics).

Performance Coach – Winner: Peter Haysham (gymnastics); runner-up: Rob Copeland (karate).

Disabled sportsperson – Winner: James Savory (talented multi-sportsman); runners-up: Will Griffiths (swimming) and Asa Madsen (karate).

Team – Winner: Rhoose Lifeguards; runners-up: Barry YMCA Mens Gymnastics team and Penarth Rifle Club.

David Davies' proud Dad Paul collecting his son's Vale Sports Personality award from host Arfon Haines-Davies.

ABOVE: Members of Rhoose Lifeguards, the Vale's team of the year.

With Nicole Cooke also away training, her Mum Denise picked up her senior female award.

LEFT: Vale Karate's Rob Copeland was named community coach of the year ahead of runners up Helen Stone and Miff Connelly.

James Savory holds his trophy and shield aloft after being named the Vale's disabled sportsperson of the year by Coun Gwyn John (left) and Billy Pye.

ABOVE: Sandra Mullins was rewarded for her fantastic dedication to Sully Sports FC by winning the 'unsung hero of the year' award. Either side of Sandra are runners up Tony Williams and Rob Shapland.

LEFT: Performance coach of the year Peter Haysham with Alan Le Breton.

Junior female award winner Chloe Fry and runners up Katie Howson (right) and Lana Evans are pictured with the Vale District Sports Council Chair Tony Smith (left) and swimming star David Roberts.

ABOVE: Pictured holding the 'Junior Male' shield is gymnast Iwan Mepham, together with runners-up Rhys Davies (right) and George Connelly.

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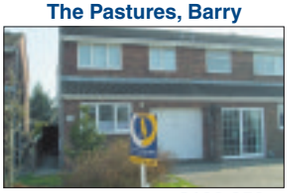

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Mrs HC George – **1 The Hollies, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major** – prune an Ash tree.
Mr Rob Carrier – **12 Heol Merioneth, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – single storey lounge extension to front of property and roof alterations to existing garage.
Mr Stuart Kemp – **14 Heol Pilipala, Rhoose Point** – porch.
AMA Building Services – **9 Charles Place, Barry** – proposed enclosed staircase, alterations to dormer window and rooflights to rear elevation and adaptation and alterations to rear single storey extension to form balcony.
Savills – **land to the north of Junction 33, M4 motorway, Creigiau/St Fagans, Cardiff** – international status business park comprising 100,000 sqm employment (B1); 26,000 sqm hotel/complementary facilities/a regional transport interchange; car parking, landscaping and access.
Mr Steven Phipps – **154 Jenner Road, Barry** – demolition of existing flat roof extensions, improvements to layout including new garden room.
Mr Robert Hubbard – **Church Farmhouse, Church Farm, Monknash** – creation of opening to rear building to facilitate off road parking.
Mr and Mrs Brian Bibb – **Middlecross House, Llancarfan** – proposed conversion of existing garage/workshop to form tourist accommodation with double garage and games room/storage over.
Mr Bruno Pereira – **2 Church Cottage, Rhoose Road, Rhoose** – concrete construction garden shed.
Tim Coward – **108 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – minor reduction of Silver Birch.
Cheryl Day – **4 Washington Buildings, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – replace existing windows with sliding French doors. Raise outside shop front, create decked area with railings to accommodate tables and chairs that already use the existing space.
Mr Stephen Cooper – **85 Fonmon Park Road, Rhoose** – conversion of integral garage to study; erection of porch to front entrance; erection of chimney to side for wood burning stove.
Ms Cooke – **16 Railway Terrace, Penarth** – rear extension.
Mr Iestyn Jones – **35 Voss Park Drive, Llantwit Major** – proposed single storey rear extension, two storey and rear extensions and roof conversion to property. Demolition of existing single garage.
Mrs Susan Hooper – **Maes Isha, Heol Las, Wick** – erection of stables, feed store and tack room.
Mr Robert Crump – **1 Merevale, Dinas Powys** – boundary wall and access gates to front of property.
Mr and Mrs R O'Leary – **Hendre, Michaelston-le-Pit** – Take down existing first floor conservatory and construct new study with verandah.
David O'Brien – **The Lindens, Bradford Place, Penarth** – remove one Lime.
Francois Samuel – **72A Plymouth Road, Penarth** – fell conifer.
Catherine Phillips – **4 The Verlands, Cowbridge** – pollard Lime tree.
Mr Peter John – **land off Middlegate Court, Cowbridge** – renewal of planning permission 03/00955/FUL - proposed dwelling.
Mr John Green – **Montclare, Michaelston-le-Pit, Dinas Powys** – two storey extension and internal configurations. Demolish existing garage and rebuild a new garage.
Mr G Davies – **The Old Vicarage, Pendoylan** – modifications to an approved application for demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Replacement with new granny flat, garage and gym for private use.
Mr and Mrs Graham Bradwick – **Brynhyfryd, Heol March, Bonvilston** – attached conservatory.
Mr and Mrs K Hatton – **9 Millbrook Heights, Dinas Powys** – balcony to rear elevation.
Dr Christian Ogden – **14 Victoria Square, Penarth** – crown reduction of willow tree in back garden.
Susan Haigh – **4 Stradling Close, Cowbridge** – single storey rear extension and loft conversion to include new and enlarged dormers to the front and rear elevations.
Mrs AIM Miller – **3 Seaview Cottage, Twyn Yr Odyn, Wenvoe** – proposed conservatory to front elevation.
Mr Neil Greenaway – **Priory Cottage, Marcross** – small rear extension of approved stables conversion of application no 2005/01187/FUL, of 29/09/05. The proposal would incorporate a narrow patio (1.850mm wide) adjacent to the stable.
Mr N England – **Green Meadow, Penllyn** – demolition of single residential dwelling house with double garage annexe and replacement with two four-bedroom detached houses and two double garages with associated amenity space.
Mr Jaime Evans – **77 South Road, Sully** – ground floor extension to include en-suite bedroom and carer's accommodation. Disabled access throughout dwelling including ramps and wider doors. Raise roof of garage and convert to hobby room.
Mrs Menna Garland-Ellis – **Quills of Cowbridge, 52 High Street, Cowbridge** – replace old shop sign to front exterior.
Mr and Mrs Evans – **5 Croft Lane, Southerndown** – proposed garage and granny annexe.
Mr Paul Gaughan – **Deg Erw, Twyn yr Odyn, St Lythans** – demolition of existing detached granny annexe and construction of new integral version together with first floor extension.
Matrix Reality Investments Ltd – **land north of Hood Road, Barry Waterfront** – proposed primary care medical centre and associated works.
Mr and Mrs Pippin – **5 Four Acre, Llantwit Major** – conservatory to rear elevation.
Mr Gareth Tickner – **4 Cattwg Cottages, Llancarfan** – two storey side/rear extension.
C/o agent – **Crynallt, Llancarfan** – fell two conifers at front.
Mr Athoul Chowdhury – **70 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – re-position hanging sign and install new shop name in aluminium profile letters (six) renaming business with new name Zahins.
Mr Athoul Chowdhury – **70 Eastgate Cowbridge** – re-position hanging sign and install new shop name in aluminium profile letters (six).
Mr and Mrs Wilson – **Twin Pines, Welsh St Donats** – proposed new garage for three cars and log store.
Mr Damon Sylvester – **9 Anchor Road, Penarth Marina, Penarth** – conversion of existing integral garage into study.
Mr and Mrs Fairfax – **Warren Mill Farm Park, Pendoylan** – retrospective application to regularise planning consent 2001/01221/FUL.
Mr Ivor Chestnut – **2 Badgers Brook Drive, Ystradowen** – proposed ground floor rear extension.
Mr and Mrs Nicholas Colmsee – **The Coach House, Peterston Super Ely** – extension to ground floor conservatory and construction of first floor external balcony above, construction of dormer roof and chimney breast to side.
Mr Mark Haynes – **St Athan Primary School, Rock Road, St Athan** – installation of wind turbine near eastern boundary.
Mrs P Whittington – **The Pines, Wick Road, Ewenny** – fell four Corsican pines and replace.
Mr Bill Ellis – **93 Westbourne Road, Penarth** – installation of new conservatory and removal of old.
Mr Anthony Neill – **90 Colcot Road, Barry** – proposed rear extension and roof alterations.
Mrs Sian Jones – **13 Taf Close, Barry** – proposed bedroom/bathroom/lobb-y extension to rear and side of existing bungalow.
Mrs Karen Pimbley – **69 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – installation of new and replacement velux windows.
Mr Adrian Rowe – **1B Park Avenue, Barry** – single storey side extension and introduce gable end to pine of property.
Mr Dean Griffiths – **27 Blackberry Drive, Barry** – proposed first floor extension above garage.
Mr Steve Moggridge – **9 Clement Place, Barry** – proposed detached garage.
Vale of Glamorgan Council – **council-owned public open space adjacent Cogan Hall Farm, Sully Road, Penarth** – layout and landscaping of public open space.
Regularise diversion of Footpath No 12.
Sodexo – **4 School of Technical Training, MoD St Athan (East Camp), St Athan** – temporary five year planning permission for the relocation of 4 School of Technical Training within MoD St Athan. Involving the use of existing buildings, the erection of 10 new temporary modular buildings, the extension to an existing building, the construction of a Multiple Use Games Area, and the construction of additional associated parking areas and associated ancillary works.
Mr Wheeler – **20 Hilda Street, Barry** – demolition of existing porch and erection of conservatory to side.
Mr and Mrs M Bates – **9 Plassey Street, Penarth** – proposed front entrance porch and single storey rear extension to provide garden room and wet room.
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Barry learners shine in British college volleyball championships

The Barry College volleyball team. Back row, left to right: sport and fitness tutor Heather Morrison, principal and chief executive Paul Halstead, sport and fitness tutor James Young. In the front row (centre) is sport learner and table tennis player Rachael Hardy.

AFTER Welsh Colleges competitions, eight Barry College students recently competed in the British Colleges National championships at Loughborough University.

Invited either as best individual or team performers, the Barry College contingent included the male volleyball team: Ben Luck as captain, Chris Rees, Thomas Schembri, Ralph Windle, Glen Harper and Nathan Gates.

All are BTEC national diploma in sport development, coaching and fitness learners. They were placed eighth in the three-day competition.

BTEC National diploma in sport and exercise science learner Victoria Jackson represented the college in cross country where she was rated the16th fastest cross country runner in all colleges in Wales, England and Scotland.

Rachael Hardy, BTEC National Diploma in sport development coaching and fitness, came seventh in the female table tennis competition.

Barry College sport and fitness tutor James Young, said: "Very well done to all concerned! Hopefully, Vicky and Rachael will be able to improve upon their performances next year as they will then be on the second year of their respective courses. The future of sport at Barry College looks very promising!"

Volleyball results

Barry College Volleyball (Wales) versus East Midlands Region (13-25, 9-25); Barry College Volleyball (Wales) versus North West Region (15-25, 15-25); Barry College Volleyball (Wales) versus North East Region (17-25, 10-25); Barry College Volleyball (Wales) versus West Midlands Region (14-25, 21-25); Barry College Volleyball (Wales) versus East Region (17-25, 17-25).

Table tennis

Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus West Midlands Region (2- 3); Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus South East Region (0-3); Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus South West Region (0-3); Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus North West Region (0-3); Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus East Region (3-0); Rachael Hardie (Wales) versus East Midlands Region (0-3).

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR

OGMORE by Sea retired residents enjoyed a talk by Joyce James of the Bridgend Book Club, on her visit to Israel.

LADIES Thursday Club made their own entertainment this week when Dawn once again came up with an interesting topic of 'unusual and interesting names'.

AGE CONCERN (Western Vale Good Neighbours Scheme) are holding a coffee morning on Thursday, June 4, in the Llantonian Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major, at 10am-12pm. Admission £1.50 in aid of the scheme.

WICK bank holiday tea party took place at the village hall, in aid of St James Church, Wick, on May 23, when a sumptuous tea was served up by ladies dressed like (Lyons Corner House waitresses) in lace white caps and aprons.

The partygoers were entertained by pupils of year-4 and year-5 from Wick school, who performed song, poetry, and musical items on guitar, saxophone and piano.

HERITAGE Coast rangers arranged a walk around Ogmore by Sea coast line on May 24, looking at fossils and geology.

On Sunday, June 7, another walk is arranged looking at coastal birds. Meet at Nash Point (Lighthouse) at 10.30am.

THE PACT meeting will be held at the church hall, St Brides Major, on Wednesday, June 3, at 6pm.

ST BRIDES MAJOR branch of the Mothers Union meet for corporate communion on Friday, May 29, at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

BACH CONCERT

THE CARDIFF Bach Choir will be performing in All Saints Church in Penarth on Saturday, June 13, at 7.30pm.

The concert will be in aid of Cancer Research UK. *Tickets are available from members of the choir, the Cancer Research shop in Penarth and at the door on the night.*

Dyspraxia support

THE next monthly meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held at Barry Hospital at 7.30pm, on Monday, June 1.

The Vale Dyspraxia Support Group helps children with dyspraxia and their parents with information, support and awareness raising.

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CHARTERED SURVEYORS APPOINT CHAIRMAN

RICS Wales director Cathy McLean welcomes the new council chair, Michael Lawley.

THE Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Wales has appointed a new chair to oversee the direction of its 4,000 members in Wales and ensure their voice is heard in land, property and construction issues.

Michael Lawley, who has taken the position as chair of the RICS Wales Council for the next two and a half years, is the managing director of Cooke & Arkwright, chartered surveyors in Cardiff.

He said: "It is a great honour to be asked to take on this position. I am delighted to be able to make a contribution to the significant role that RICS now plays in the professional and business community in Wales."

Mr Lawley has 30 years' experience in the surveying industry and has responsibility for consultancy and development advice, including residential land matters.

He has been at Cooke & Arkwright for the past 28 years, and is also a governor of the University of Glamorgan and a director of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

He commented: "It is a very tough economic environment, especially in property sectors where the effects have been felt since late 2007.

"The collapse of the housing and investment markets, along with the decline of other property sectors, has meant it has been a very hard time for anybody in this sector, with high levels of redundancy.

"RICS has set up a support line to provide help and advice to members faced with redundancy and also has a helpline which provides free advice for members of the public.

"With RICS Wales, I believe it is now important to look beyond the recession to a recovery in the property market and I think that chartered surveyors will play a key part in leading the way through that.

"My new role will be to respond to members' needs, work closely with professional groups to raise the profile of chartered surveyors in Wales and take an executive role in representing a view from the national association in Wales at RICS UK governing council meetings."

He is also a member of the CBI Wales Council and also a private sector appointee to the Land, Property and Urban Regeneration Group of the South-East Wales Economic Forum.

RICS Wales director, Cathy McLean, said: "Mike is taking the reins of the RICS Wales Council at a difficult time but his expertise in the industry makes him ideal for the job.

"RICS plays a key role in supporting the thousands of members working in Wales as well as welcoming young people into the industry and generate understanding on the breadth and depth of the surveyor's role."

Kitchen recycling trial to expand

THE Vale Council's kitchen waste recycling scheme is to be made permanent.

Around 5,000 properties across Barry Island, Dinas Powys, Sully, Lower Penarth/Lavernock and St Athan were involved in a three-month recycling pilot earlier this year.

The council cabinet has now agreed to introduce the collection scheme there on a permanent basis, and include a further 2,000 residents. Kitchen waste will continue to be collected weekly, with black bin bag collections on alternate weeks.

Miles Punter, head of visible services, said: "Of all the kitchen waste pilots undertaken across partner local authorities, Vale of Glamorgan residents have helped to ensure the Vale has achieved some of the best results for tonnages collected, participation and low contamination across the country.

The council's cabinet shortly will be considering proposals to roll out the kerbside kitchen waste scheme through the entire Vale .

CARDIFF & VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS AA

ST RICHARD GWYN'S SEXTON TAKES THE PLAUDITS AT MEET

AFTER dry days for both the Senior Cup Final and the Senior championships, the elements changed for the Cardiff & the Vale Schools' third fixture of the summer programme – the Middle championships for pupils in years 10 and 11 – at the new Leckwith stadium.

The temperature dropped, the unhelpful headwind was chilly, and a light drizzle for much of the early part of the five hours meeting, made life unpleasant for athletes, teachers and officials.

Vale pupils and schools will have left the venue with mixed emotions. Given that this event is intended as a stepping stone for the selection of the Cardiff & the Vale team to compete at the Aviva Welsh Schools Nationals, to be held at the same venue on July 4, with the possibility that good performances at that event might lead to international selection for the Welsh Schools team at the Aviva SIAB under-17 international in Belfast on July 18, there were some very encouraging individual performances, but there was significant disappointment in the on-the day team competition.

Fourteen of the 35 individual titles on offer were claimed by Vale athletes.

Arguably, the best of those victories came in the second half of the programme, when conditions were a little drier. It came in the final of the boys' 100 metres, run into a 1.6 metres per second headwind, and it was a victory for a pupil from St Richard Gwyn High School.

Year-11 Jamie Sexton powered his way through the difficult conditions to take the title in a very close finish. His time of 11.4 seconds was shared by last year's Welsh Schools under-15 champion Jamaul Whyte (St Teilo's) in second, and by third-placed Steffan Jones (Bro Morgannwg), while James Wiltshire (St Cyres) clocked 11.5 in fourth and Tom Phillips (Stanwell) was fifth on 11.6.

There was determined running in the 100 metres heats from long jump winner Shanelle Edwards (Bro Morgannwg).

In the past, it has often been difficult for performances at Cardiff & the Vale Schools events to be credited onto the nationally recognised UKA Power of Ten rankings.

Thankfully, a change in the company dealing with that event has made things easier, and it is encouraging to both the athletes and the schools' associations to see that these times rank the pupils at the top of the Welsh rankings.

Those performances also suggest that the Cardiff & the Vale Middle boys relay team could have a chance of victory in the 4 x 100 metres on July 4 – but to achieve that all the boys will need to stay to the end of the meeting this year!

Earlier in the day, James Wiltshire had eased through his heat of the 400 metres to qualify for the final, but then showed his power to storm to an encouraging victory in 53.3 seconds.

Boys from Cowbridge claimed three titles. In the 800 metres, the boys had to run heat and final, a new experience for some of them, and it was year-11 Rhys Allin who came away with a win, but in a slow time.

Sam Bunkham took the triple jump with a best of 12.03 metres, while in a shot competition that produced a number of surprises, it was Reuben Tucker who beat both the winner of the recent Senior Cup Final, Daniel Clarke (St Cyres), and the two Vale year-10 athletes, who have dominated the under-15 championships for the last two summers – Ben Harding (St Cyres) and Mathew Daniel (Llantwit).

The experienced Scott Hewins (Llantwit) claimed a win in a respectable javelin competition with a best throw of 42.88 metres, while Bradley Cole (St Cyres) showed real potential in winning the hammer title with a distance in excess of 30 metres.

In the girls' competitions, the top two Vale performances came in very differing conditions. Year-10 Lauren McCarthy (St Cyres) had to battle both the elements and close rival Aimee Hendrickson (Bishop of Llandaff) in both heat and final to take the 300 metres title in 43.2 seconds, while Shanelle Edwards (Bro Morgannwg) made the most of better conditions later in the afternoon to take the long jump title, and the scalp of top pentathlete Sara Otung (Kings Monkton) with a leap of 4.72 metres.

In the middle distance events, Vale year-10

Declan Court (Cardiff High 156), and Darran Jones (Llantwit 14) battle it out for the 3,000 metres title.

pupils won the 800 metres and 1,500 metres titles. Eloise Laity (Westbourne) added the middle 800 crown to last year's under-15 win, while the ever-improving Bethan Daw finished clear in the 1,500 metres, taking a fourth title for St Cyres.

On the field, Nisha Shie (Cowbridge) was a surprise winner in the high jump, while Bro Morgannwg pupils Leah Thomas and Jamie Treweeks won the triple jump and javelin events. Because of the wet and slippery conditions at the start of the meeting, the javelin competitors were only allowed standing throws.

All 14 Vale winners at this event will receive their awards at the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Schools Track & Field Presentation Evening, which will be held at Cardiff High Schools on Tuesday, September 8, starting at 7pm.

In the team competitions, Bro Morgannwg have won the girls' section for the last four years and also won a very tight boys' competition by 1.5 points last year. Sadly, there was to be no repeat success as Cardiff High won the boys' section by over 70 points and Whitchurch claimed the girls' title for the first time since 2004. There were encouraging performances from St Cyres boys and Bryn Hafren girls.

Vale performances – Middle Boys (under-17)
100: Ht 1 ws: -0.6 1 Jamie Sexton (St Rich Gwyn) 11.4; 2 Steffan Jones (Bro M) 11.7; 4 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 11.8; 6 James Ray-Parsons (Llantwit) 12.7; 7 Sam Street (Cow) 13.3; Ht 2 ws: -1.7 2 Dan Phillips (Stan) 12.1; 8 Tom Ireland (Barry) 13.4; Ht 3 ws: -1.9 1 Tom Phillips (Stan) 12.3; 4 Dane Sexton (Cow) 12.5; 5 Duke Durham (St Cyres) 12.6; 6 Nathan Taylor (Barry) 13.0; Ht 4 ws: -0.9 2 Matt Roberts (Llantwit) 12.5; 5 Kieran Bowen (Bro M) 12.7; 7 Alex Davies (St Rich Gwyn) 13.4; Fin ws: -1.6 1 Jamie Sexton (St Rich Gwyn) 11.4; 3 Steffan Jones (Bro M) 11.4; 4 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 11.5; 5 Tom Phillips (Stan) 11.6; 6 Dan Phillips (Stan) 11.9
200: Ht1 2 Ashley Williams (Llantwit) 24.9; 3 Kieron Bowen (Bro M) 25.4; 4 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 25.5; Ht2 1 Elliot Leachman (St Cyres) 24.4; 4 Ethan Dicks (Barry) 25.7; 6 Kurt Fackrell (Cow) 27.3; 7 Shanon Horrigan (St Rich Gwyn) 28.1; Ht3 2 Ben Harding (St Cyres) 24.2; 6 Cory Allen (Bro M) 25.9; 7 Tom Ireland (Barry) 26.5; Fin ws: -1.7 3 Ben Harding (St Cyres) 23.9; 4 Elliott Leachman (St Cyres) 24.5; 6 Ashley Williams (Llantwit) 25.5
400: Ht 1 2 Tom Phillips (Stan) 54.7; 5 Lloyd Martin (Bro M) 57.6; 6 Elliott Thorne (St Cyres) 57.8; Ht 2 4 Alex Simon (Llantwit) 58.6; Ht3 5 Andrew Williams (Llantwit) 65.4; Ht4 1 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 58.1; 2 Jack Sellick (Stan) 59.3; 3 Jason Butcher (Bro M) 64.0; 4 Sam Morgan (Cow) 73.4; Fin: 1 James Wiltshire (St Cyres) 53.3; 6 Tom Phillips (Stan) 56.0
800: Ht 1 2 Rhys Allin (Cow) 2:19.5; 8 Liam Wingren (St Cyres) 2:26.4; 9 Zack Cleary (Barry) 2:26.4; 12 Ieuan Donovan (Bro M) 2:32.0; Ht2 2 Richard Pilcher (Bro M) 2:18.8; 3 Daniel Lewis (St Cyres) 2:21.4; 4 Josh Thomas (Cow) 2:22.7; 7 Nathan Taylor (Barry) 2:26.0; 9 Liam Union (Stan) 2:31.0; 14 Andrew Williams (Llantwit) 2:39.2; Fin 1 Rhys Allin (Cow) 2:15.5; 3 Daniel Lewis (St Cyres) 2:16.8; 4 Richard Pilcher (Bro M) 2:18.1
1,500: 4 Daniel Lewis (St Cyres) 4:47.2; 7 Tieran Scott (Bro M) 4:55.5; 9 Einan Scott (Bro M) 4:57.2; 12 John Davies (Cow) 5:02.8; 14 Dan Ruffle (Llantwit) 5:39.2; 15 Curtis Adeva (St Rich Gwyn) 5:49.6
3,000: 2 Darren Jones (Llantwit) 10:06.1; 4 Dominic Farr (Bro M) 10:40.8; 5 Rhys George (Bro M) 10:43.3; 6 Sam Middlemiss (St Cyres) 10:43.8; 7 John Davies (Cow) 10:45.6
100H: Ht 1 1 Rhys Allin (Cow) 17.4; 2 Ellis Spear (Bro M) 17.8; Ht 2 5 James Williams (Cow) 19.2; Fin ws: -0.3 3 Rhys Allin (Cow) 16.3; 5 Ellis Spear (Bro M) 17.0
400H: 4 Duke Durhan (St Cyres) 64.3; 5 Dafydd Davies (Bro M) 64.3; 6 Sam Morgan (Cow) 65.1; 7 James Glaves (Bro M) 67.4
1,500 Sc: 2 Darren Jones (Llantwit) 5:14.0; 4 Tom Howles (Llantwit) 5:38.7; 7 Dylan Morgan (Cow) 5:58.4; 8 Rhodri Hutchinson (Cow) 5:59.8; 9 Josh Rowe (Bro M) 6:00.3; 10 Adeel Arshad (St Cyres) 6:04.0; 11 Jake Connelly (Bro M) 6:09.8
HJ: 2 Cory Allen (Bro M) 1.65; 6 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 1.55; 9 Dafydd Davies (Bro M) 1.50; 12 Jake Lougher (Barry) 1.50; 13= Josh Thomas (Cow) 1.45; 16 Stephen Cole (Llantwit) 1.45; 17 Sam Middlemiss (St Cyres) 1.40; 18 Joshua Griffiths (Barry) 1.40
PV: 4 Jake Connelly (Bro M) 2.20; 5= Josh Rowe (Bro M) 2.00
LJ: 3 Rhys Allin (Cow) 5.73; 5 Sam Norman (Bro M) 5.44; 6 Matt Roberts (Llantwit) 5.30; 7 Joshua Griffiths (Barry) 5.22; 15 Lloyd Jerwood (Cow) 4.92; 16 Yanni Haralambos Whitchurch 4.91; 17 Bradley Miller (Barry) 4.70; 18 Luke Spear (Bro M) 4.66; 19 Mitchell Brownhill (St Cyres) 4.61; 20 James Lyn (St Rich Gwyn) 4.51; 23 Ben Furlong (St Rich Gwyn) 4.12; 24 Andrew Breed (St Cyres) 4.08
TJ: 1 Sam Bunkham (Cow) 12.03; 4 Jack Selleck (Stan) 11.62; 5 Duke Durham (St Cyres) 11.49; 10 Liam Wingren (St Cyres) 10.87; 11 Jamie Dunmore (Llantwit) 10.84; 12 Oliver Trotman (Cow) 10.84; 14 Nathan Taylor (Barry) 10.64; 15 Zack Deere (Bro M) 10.53; 20 Ashley Close (Barry) 10.23; 22 Ieuan Donovan (Bro M) 9.30
SP: 1 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 12.21; 2 Ben Harding (St Cyres) 12.18; 3 Dan Clark (St Cyres) 11.59; 4 Michael Daniels (Llantwit) 10.97; 8 Tom Perry (Bro M) 10.28; 11 Dillon Morgan (Cow) 9.85; 13 Rhodri Phillips (Barry) 9.53; 14 Ethan Dicks (Barry) 9.40; 15 Sam Norman (Bro M) 9.34; 17 Liam Union (Stan) 9.02; 18 Sam Pickford (Llantwit) 8.96; 20 George Pycroft (St Rich Gwyn) 8.90
DT: 3 Tom Perry (Bro M) 28.63; 7 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 24.90; 8 Ethan Dicks (Barry) 24.66; 10 Seb Vidal (Bro M) 23.70; 12 Sam Pickford (Llantwit) 22.98; 15 Michael Daniels (Llantwit) 22.28; 19 Cori Gorman (Cow) 15.87; 20 James Lin (St Rich Gwyn) 15.08
HT: 1 Bradley Cole (St Cyres) 31.41; 3 Tom Perry (Bro M) 24.40; 4 Scott Hewins (Llantwit) 23.68; 6 Michael Daniels (Llantwit) 23.21; 9 Seb Vidal (Bro M) 22.84; 10 Reuben Tucker (Cow) 22.34; 15 Sam Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 19.85
JT: 1 Scott Hewins (Llantwit) 42.88; 3 Josh Rowe (Bro M) 39.44; 5 Michael Hamonda (Barry) 34.84; 7 Liam Wingren (St Cyres) 33.88; 14 Bradley Cole (St Cyres) 30.71; 15 Ben Such (Cow) 30.63; 18 Sam Mitten (Cow) 28.93; 21 Dafydd Davies (Bro M) 27.70; 23 Louis Viader (Stan) 23.08; 24 Fraser Wheatley (Llantwit) 22.86; Elliott Hicks (St Rich Gwyn) nt; Ryan Harris (St Rich Gwyn) nt; Rhys West (Barry) nt
2Km Walk: 5 Andrew Breed (St Cyres) 13:19.3; 6 Richard Pilcher (Bro M) 13:23.4; 7 Adeel Arshad (St Cyres) 13:32.4; 8 Zac Deere (Bro M) 13:33.2; 11 Corrie Gorman (Cow) 14:16.0; 12 Rhodri Hutcheson (Cow) 14:16.0
4x100: Ht 1 1 St Cyres 47.7; 5 Bro Morgannwg 49.0; Ht 2 2 Cowbridge 48.4; 3 St Richard Gwyn 48.7; 4 Llantwit 49.2; Fin 3 St Cyres 48.6; 4 Cowbridge 48.7; 6 Bro Morgannwg 50.7; St Rich Gwyn dnc
Team: 2 Bro Morgannwg 299; 5= Cowbridge 212; 5= St Cyres 212; 7 Llantwit 145; 12= St Richard Gwyn 59; 12= Barry Comprehensive 59; 15 Stanwell 47

Middle Girls (under-17)
100: Ht 1 ws: -0.8 2 Mollie Kane (St Rich Gwyn) 14.8; Ht 2 ws: -0.5 2 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 13.9; 3 Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) 14.8; 5 Hannah Clist (Cow) 16.3; Ht 4 ws: -1.8 2 Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) 13.8; 3 Becky Cornelius (Bryn Haf) 14.4; 5 Alice Palmer Evans (Cow) 15.2; 6 Ainsley Vines (St Rich Gwyn)) 15.3; Fin ws: -0.6 4 Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) 13.6; 5 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 13.7; 8 Mollie Kane (St Rich Gwyn) 15.0; Becky Cornelius (Bryn Haf) dnc
200: Ht1 1 Eloise Laity (West) 28.4; 3 Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) 30.2; 6 Alice Palmer Evans (Cow) 31.5; Ht2 3 Jessica Hayes (Cow) 30.9; 4 Sidony Crowther (Llantwit) 31.3; Ht3 2 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 29.0; 5 Mollie Kane (St Rich Gwyn) 30.4; 7 Bethan Purcall (Bro M) 31.5; Fin ws: -1.0 3 Eloise Laity (West) 27.6; 4 Ellie Carter (Bryn Haf) 28.8; Eleri Phillips Griffiths (Bro M) dnc

100 metres winner Jamie Sexton ran the anchor leg for the St Richard Gwyn relay team.

300: Ht 1 3 Ainsley Vines (St Rich Gwyn) 51.3; 6 Lydia James (Cow) 54.9; Ht 2 1 Lauren McCarthy (St Cyres) 44.0; 4 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 49.1; Fin 1 Lauren McCarthy (St Cyres) 43.2; 6 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 50.3
800: 1 Eloise Laity (West) 2:32.7; 3 Storm Morham (St Rich Gwyn) 2.48.8; 7 Sabrina James (Cow) 2.55.4; 8 Megan Doyle (Bryn Haf) 2.55.6; 9 Chloe Jones (Stan) 2.56.4; 13 Bethan Butler (Bro M) 3.02.7; 14 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 3.04.4; 15 Rosie Dent (Cow) 3.07.2; 19 Lauren Westerland (Llantwit) 3:11.7; 21 Amy Baldry (Llantwit) 3:14.8
1,500: 1 Bethan Daw (St Cyres) 5:22.3; 7 Danielle Edgerton (Bro M) 6:06.4; 9 Jade Deverell (Bryn Haf) 6:15.0; 13 Amy Baldry (Llantwit) 6:26.4; 14 Molly Llewellyn (Cow) 6:37.1; 17 Verity Morgan (Cow) 6:50.3
3,000: 3 Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cyres) 13:06.4; 5 Holly Preece (Cow) 13:55.8; 8 Kenna Murdock (Cow) 14:45.3
80H: Ht 1 4 Storm Morham (St Rich Gwyn) 15.6; 6 Megan Allman (Cow) 16.6; 8 Rebecca Morris (Bro M) 21.4; Ht 2 5 Ashley Dunn (Llantwit) 16.3; 6 Bethan Heslop (Bro M) 17.2; 7 Charlotte Waller (St Rich Gwyn) 17.5; Ht3 1 Natalie Parsons (Llantwit) 14.4; 7 Lauren Rowe (Bryn Haf) 21.2; Fin ws: -1.0 4 Natalie Parsons (Llantwit) 13.8; 8 Storm Morham (St Rich Gwyn) 15.9
300H: 5 Bethan Heslop (Bro M) 57.1
HJ: 1 Nisha Shie (Cow) 1.40; 3 Leah Barratt (Llantwit) 1.40; 4 Leah Thorn (Bro M) 1.35; 5 Molly Llewellyn (Cow) 1.30; 8 Finlay Haswell (Bro M) 1.30; 9= Danielle Lane (Stan) 1.25; 20 Megan Vickery (Bryn Haf) 1.15; 21 Chloe Westall (St Rich Gwyn) 1.10
LJ: 1 Shanelle Edwards (Bro M) 4.72; 3 Lauren McCarthy (St Cyres) 4.55; 13 Sidony Crowther (Llantwit) 3.84; 15 Lauren Phillips (Stan) 3.59; 17 Chloe Westall (St Rich Gwyn) 3.50; 18 Gwen Willox (Bro M) 3.48; 21 Jade Chadwick (Cow) 3.40; 23 Rachel Walsh (St Rich Gwyn) 3.35; 26 Evie Sewell (St Cyres) 3.23; 28 Lydia James (Cow) 3.14; Demi Brown (West) nj
TJ: 1 Leah Thomas (Bro M) 8.81; 4 Gwen Willox (Bro M) 8.18; 7 Rachel Walsh (St Rich Gwyn) 7.57; Mollie Kane (St Rich Gwyn) nj; Bethan Hollinshead (Bryn Haf) nj; Mari-Ann Hatcher (Bryn Haf) nj
SP: 2 Jess Richards (Llantwit) 7.59; 3 Louise Edwards (Cow) 6.97; 5 Harriet Lewis (Bro M) 6.62; 8 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn Haf) 6.50; 9 Bethan Davis (Bro M) 6.49; 10 Jessica Hayes (Cow) 6.39; 13 Rochelle Gough (Stan) 6.09; 16 Jessica Dawe (St Rich Gwyn) 5.75; 21 Nicola Andersen (St Rich Gwyn) 4.99; 24 Bethan Daw (St Cyres) 4.22; 25 Olivia Richards (St Cyres) 3.69
DT: 2 Lisa Williams (Bro M) 19.08; 5 Jess Richards (Llantwit) 18.08; 7 Lucy Mitchell (Bryn Haf) 17.57; 12 Bethan Davies (Bro M) 16.18; 17 Olivia Hume (Cow) 15.14; 20 Nicola Anderson (St Rich Gwyn) 14.52; 22 Louise Edwards (Cow) 13.49; 24 Jessica Dawe (St Rich Gwyn) 12.40
HT: 5 Nicola Andresen (St Rich Gwyn) 17.70; 6 Jess Richards (Llantwit) 16.73; 7 Bethan Davies (Bro M) 16.48; 8 Becky Jones (Bro M) 15.52; 9 Chloe Westall (St Rich Gwyn) 14.03; 11 Danielle Davis (Llantwit) 13.83; 13 Amy Taylor (Cow) 11.86; 16 Louise Edwards (Cow) 6.60
JT: 1 Jamie Treweeks (Bro M) 19.44; 2 Toyah Newman (Bryn Haf) 18.49; 4 Becky Jones (Bro M) 18.22; 9 Ammie Wathan (St Cyres) 16.02; 11 Hannah Yarr (Bryn Haf) 14.95; 12 Jodie Ackland (Llantwit) 14.51; 17 Danielle Davis (Llantwit) 13.52; 18 Lauren Hooper (Cow) 13.51; 20 Gemma Baker (St Rich Gwyn) 12.52; 21 Charlotte Waller (St Rich Gwyn) 12.33; 23 Ashleigh Thomas (Cow) 11.60; 28 Sarah Oliver (St Cyres) 6.53
2Km Walk: 3 Amy Taylor (Cow) 14:39.0; 4 Hannah Clist (Cow) 14:39.0
4x100: Ht 1 2 Bryn Hafren 55.5; 5 St Richard Gwyn 59.1; Ht 2 2 Bro Morgannwg 56.5; 6 Llantwit Major 59.2; 7 Cowbridge 60.1; Fin 4 Bryn Hafren 56.3; 6 Bro Morgannwg 58
Team: 3 Bro Morgannwg 224; 6 Cowbridge 111; 7 Bryn Hafren 105; 8 Llantwit 99; 11 St Richard Gwyn 81; 12 St Cyres 71; 20 Stanwell 22

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Barry Kyokushin Club members conquer the highest mountain in the south Wales area

ABOVE: Members gather at Corn Du.

On April 25, Barry Kyokushin Karate Club completed their second annual outdoor training session at the Brecon Beacons National Park where they climbed to the top of Pen y Fan (the highest mountain in south Wales).

Eighteen members (junior and senior) were led up Pen y Fan by assistant instructor Senpai Phil Sedgmond, 1st Dan.

At 2pm, the members met up at the bottom of Corn Du (second highest mountain in south Wales). They were then briefed of the dangers of the hike up the mountain by Senpai Phil.

Then they set off with the sun shining. After a few minutes of hiking, Senpai Phil took all students through some stretching and Kihon (basic techniques) as a warm up.

Then the weather turned, heavy rain and strong wind prevailed, but Barry Kyokushin Karate Club pressed on. Once the club reached the point where they would complete Corn Du, due to the hazardous conditions, Senpai Phil advised that is was too dangerous to complete Corn Du, so would take the safer route and go around the mountain to complete their target of Pen y Fan.

With the heavy rain turning to hail, not all students would turn back and wanted to complete Pen y Fan. Once at the peak of Pen y Fan, students were overjoyed to have completed their goal in such cold, wet weather.

Unfortunately, they were unable to see the spectacular views due to the foggy weather, but were compensated by Senpai Phil giving them a training session of Kihon (basic techniques) and Kata (pattern) on the top of Pen y Fan.

On the trek back down, the seniors were taken onto 'dead man's ledge' (a ledge that runs along the side of Corn Du). After some Kihon (basic techniques) the hail stopped and the snow started to fall.

Senpai Phil then led them back down the mountain.

Senpai Phil said: "Although it was a cold, wet day, all of our students enjoyed the day in true Kyokushin spirit. I think it's important to get children out of the house and away from their computer games and TVs and show them what they can achieve while also boosting their confidence.

"How many children can go back to school on Monday and say 'I climbed the highest mountain in south Wales on the weekend?'"

Barry Kyokushin Karate club have just closed their latest beginners' course but they have another one scheduled for the summer.

Names are being taken for enrolment. Anyone interested in joining, should contact Sensei Richard on 01446 720843 or Senpai Phil on 01446 408974.

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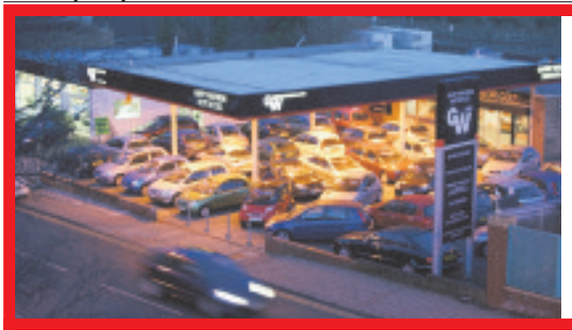

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GEM sport

Season ends with Bonvilston Point to Point Steeplechases

The local point to point season came to a close last Bank Holiday Monday at Bonvilston, and there was plenty of interested parties from Bridgend county borough. (See page 18 for a full report, and for more photographs by GLYN EVANS).

Porthcawl owner's delight at his shock 20-1 winner

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

DAVID PRICHARD (17), riding 20-1 chance *Corking*, owned by Porthcawl shop owner Alan Jones and trained at Kenfig Hill by John Flint, won the two mile, one furlong amateur riders flat race at Bath last week.

David, a member of the Pentyrch Hunt, and one of Wales's promising young riders, made all the running on the four-year-old bay gelding to win by a length from *Black Or Red*.

It was David's only second ride in a flat race. Earlier this season, he had won a hunter chase on his father's *Alroyal*.

Meanwhile, Paul Miles's *Lady Myfanwy*, qualified with the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt, and ridden by Alex Smith-Maxwell, landed the ladies' hunter chase at Stratford on Saturday evening, beating another Welsh point-to-pointer, the fast finishing *Cannon Bridge*, who failed by just three parts of a length to catch the prolific winning mare.

Beth Roberts's *Chesnut Annie*, a winner of all her 10 races between-the-flags this season, was made a hot favourite but finished a disappointing fourth.

Twenty-four hours earlier at Stratford, Steve Whistance's *Overlut*, ridden by Rhys Hughes and trained by Robert Scrine in Bridgend, won at odds of 12-1.

In a later race, the stable's *Bob Bites Back*, also ridden by Hughes, finished a good second.

I'm Bored!

ABOVE:
Hanging around waiting for the 3.15 race for restricted maidens (whatever that means) can be pretty tedious. This example of equine boredom was captured by photographer Glyn Evans at a recent Point to Point meeting.
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GEM Quiz League posers

HERE'S hoping you have your thinking caps on:1) Which disaster movie starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton was the first movie ever released on DVD?

2) In Biology, what name is given to the study of cells?

3) Which American jockey rode Slip Anchor and Reference Point to victory in the Derby?

4) Which 'E' is Mexican fried, stuffed pancakes, cooked with a chilli flavoured sauce?

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QUIZ ANSWERS:
1. Twister.
2. Cytology.
3. Steve Cauthen.
4. Enchiladas.

Youth cricket

YOUTH cricket at Llantwit Major is well underway.

All the Llantwit teams would be keen to hear from new players looking for the opportunity to play a great team game and make new friends.

Contact details are: Phil Harris (under-9) 01446-793048; Mark Jenkins (under-11) 01446-713993; Dave Russell (under-13) 01446-793211; Anne Pickford 01446-794754.

Training sessions are Saturday (under-13) and Sunday (under-9,11) mornings at Windmill Lane.

Can 'lucky charm' choir work their magic again for Celtic Crusaders?

KENFIG Male Voice Choir, whose dulcet tones inspired Celtic Crusaders to a first-ever Super League win when they beat Bradford Bulls two weeks ago at the Odsal Stadium, will be looking to work their magic again this Saturday when Wakefield Trinity Wildcats are the visitors to the Brewery Field (kick-off 7pm).

The Crusaders are searching for their first home engage Super League win, following a defeat to Catalans Dragons last weekend, and are hoping that the choir's efforts will be an inspiration – just as in Bradford.

The choir will sing on the field before the game, after the match inside the Brewery Field clubhouse, and will also lead the crowd in the singing during the match – which will be heard throughout the nation live on Sky Sports.

The choir has sung in many prestigious venue including; The Royal Albert Hall (no less than 12 times), The Millennium Stadium, and York Minster.

Overseas they have given concerts in Opera Lesna (Poland), Heidelberg Castle (Germany) and St Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin).

The choir has also had the privilege to sing in its three seats of power; the Senedd for the Welsh Assembly, the Houses of Parliament and the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

However, they say that the one of their most treasured memories was helping the Crusaders to their first Super League win.

The chairman of the choir, Harold Phillips said:

ABOVE: Will Kenfig's vocal power be the boost the Crusader's need on Saturday?

"We would like to thank the Celtic Crusaders for the invitation and hope we can inspire them to another victory.

"Singing at Bradford a fortnight ago was one of our most memorable occasions, and we were pleased to be involved in such an event."

Tondu rugby star Harri!

HARRI LEGG-EDWARDS has been named Player of the Year by Tondu under 13s rugby team.

Harri (13) who has been with the club for five years, plays second row.

The Pencoed Comprehensive youngster is a talent to watch out for – he's just been accepted for Bridgend District under-14s summer camp.

ABOVE:
Harri Legg-Edwards will be training at Bridgend District under-14s summer camp after a successful season.

Pyle and Kenfig ladies section

LATEST results:

LGU Medal – Best Gross: Eira Jones 87; best net: Jackie Jones 103-30-73.

Bronze Qualifier: best gross – Lucy Evans 99. Eira Jones had a hole-in-one on the 15th in this competition.

Dennis Phillips Cup – Winner: Cora Edwards 89-15-74; runner-up: Gaynor Lavelle 90-21-75.

Club Championship qualifying round – Best gross: Trudy Carradice 84.

Charity golf day for local youth

KPC Youth, is holding its 11th charity golf event on Friday, June 26 at the Grove Golf Club.

To enter a team of four players, the cost is £150, including bar meal and evening entertainment!

The competition is open to both male and female teams.

Tickets will also be available for just the evening entertainment, with Gary Le-Vell and a disco at The Grove - (£8 including bar meal)!

For further details, contact Alison on 01656 749219, or e-mail to: kpcyouth@hotmail.com

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